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CHESTER MONTHLY MEETING

WOMEN'S MINUTES, 1855-1866

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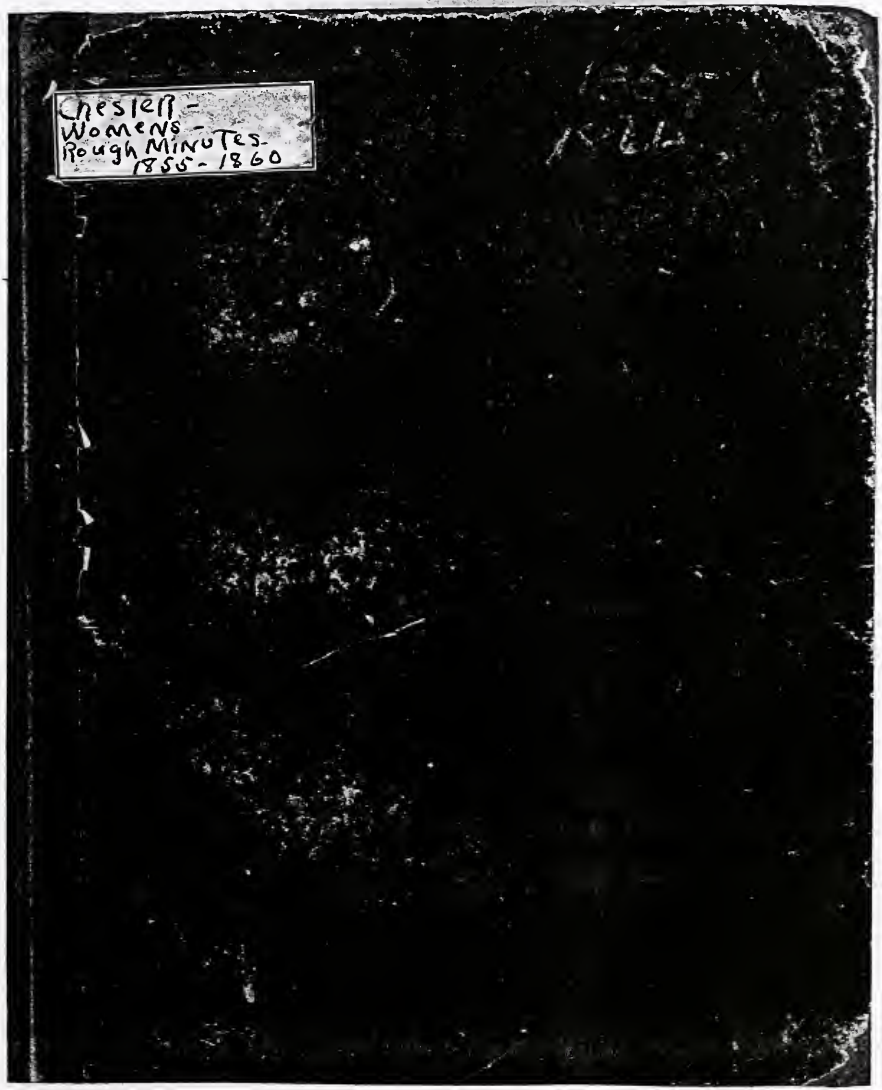
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Meeting Chester Indiana

Emily Jane Hampton
Esther B Nicholson } Clerks

Chester Monthly Meeting of women friends held 5th Month 24th 1855

Those appointed to offer Jane Townsend a copy of her testification, report complied with

The committee appointed to make inquiry respecting Josiah Clawson and family having a certificate, report nothing to hinder. Men friends produced one which was read approved & signed

The friends appointed to make inquiry concerning Susannah Pickett having a certificate produced one which was read approved and signed

Those appointed to make inquiry respecting George Dickenson and family having a certificate, inform they are not ready to report. It is therefore continued under the care of the same friends to next meeting

The 1st 2nd and 5th queries have been read in this meeting, and answered in writing from each preparative, from which a summary was taken and directed to the ensueing Quarterly Meeting by Emily Jane Hampton, Mary Commons, Martha Valentine and Rachel Hampton whom we appoint our representatives to attend therewith, and report their care and attendance to next meeting

Eli Maddock his minor daughter, Rachel to be joined into membership with friends, with which the meeting unites, and grants the request accordingly

Diademi Skinner requests her right of membership transferred to New Garden Monthly Meeting. Rachel Williams, and Rachel Stubbs are appointed to make the needful inquiry, and if no obstruction appears prepare & produce one to next meeting.

Received a certificate for Mary Elizabeth Kendall from White Water Monthly Meeting, dated 3d Mo. 28th 1853 Rachel Stanton and Rachel Jefferis are appointed to visit her on the reception thereof, and report to next meeting

Received a certificate from New Garden Monthly Meeting for Joseph E Stratton and Martha his wife, together with their minor children Edward D. Caroline E. Charles W. Henry H. Micajah H. Albert W. and Eli Stratton. dated 4th Month 21st 1855 Leah Neesmer and Rachel Stanton are appointed to unite with a similar committee from this meeting, to visit them on the reception thereof and report to next meeting

$2.10 has been raised for the use of the African concern

which is directed to the Quarterly meeting 31.12.st to aid the Book & Tract Committee, which is directed to be placed in the hands of that committee.

Anna Maria Vatow

Martha Valentine and Absillet Maddock are appointed to assist the clerks in revising and recording the minutes of this meeting and report when complied with

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 6th Month 21st 1855

Those continued at last meeting in regard to George Dickinson and family having a certificate, produced one which was read approved and signed.

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting as representatives, report they all attended

The friends appointed to make the needful inquiry respecting ~~Diademi Skinner having a certificate, produced one which was~~ read approved and signed

Those appointed to visit Mary Elizabeth Kendall on the reception of her certificate report, it has been attended to

Woodbury preparative informs that Phebe Cox requests to be joined in membership with friends Mary Commons and Gibelina Heath are appointed to visit her thereon, and report the result of their care to next meeting.

The committee appointed to visit Joseph E Strattan and family on the reception of their certificate report complied with.

William Parker and Rachel Williams, informs this meeting in writing that they intend marriage with each other. Rachel Stubbs and Rachel Adle are appointed to inquire into her clearness of similar engagements with others and report to next meeting

Epistles from London, Dublin, New England, New York Philadelphia, Baltimore North Carolina and Ohio Yearly Meetings, have been read in this, which was satisfactory

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 7th Month 19th 1855

The committee appointed to visit Phebe Cox concerning her request report they have paid her a visit to good satisfaction. Emily Jane Hampton and Rachel Jefferis are appointed to write to Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting informing them the judgment of this & report to next Meeting.

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Rachel Williams clearness of marriage engagement to visit others report they found nothing to hinder, but they not making their appearance at this meeting, Rachel Adle and Rachel Stubbs are appointed in conjunction with men friends, to inquire into the case and report to next meeting

Eliza Negus requests to be released from serving this meeting as overseer. Rachel Stanton, Rachel ~~Stanton~~ Hampton and Rachel Jefferis, are appointed to consider the propriety of a change and if way should open, bring forward to next meeting the name of a suitable friend to serve in that place.

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 8th Month 23d 1855

All the queries have been read in this meeting with written answers thereto from each preparative from which a summary was taken and directed to the ensueing Quarterly Meeting by Abigail Kendall Rachel Stanton, Sarah G Branson, and Tabitha Ann Bailey whom we appoint as representatives to attend therewith and report to next meeting.

The friends appointed to write to Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting respecting Phebe Cox's request report attended to

The committee appointed to extend further care relative to the marriage of William Parker and Rachel Williams, have reported and produced the following

To Chester Monthly Meeting of Friends.

This is to certify that we decline proceeding in marriage with each other

William Parker
Rachel Williams

Those appointed to consider the propriety of bringing forward the name of a friend to serve as Overseer report they have agreed to propose the name of Rachel Jefferis with whom the meeting unites and appoints her accordingly

$264 has been raised to augment the Yearly Meeting Stock $35 to aid the committee on Indian concerns which is directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting.

A ~~Testimony of disownment~~ ~~Certificate~~ has been produced to this from Mens Meeting for Robert Commons which was read and signed by direction

A certificate has been received for Susannah & Rhodes from East Grove Monthly Meeting Iowa dated 6th mo. 14th 1855. Elizabeth Clark and Rachel Jefferis are appointed to visit her on the reception thereof and report to next meeting

The committee appointed to assist the clerks in revising and recording the minutes of this meeting reports attended to.

Spring Creek Monthly Meeting Iowa informs that Amos Fry & wife request to be joined in membership with friends and that meeting after taking the requisite care is free to receive them with our consent.
The clerk are appointed in conjunction with men friends to inform that meeting in writing the judgment of this & report to next meeting
The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of women friends held 9th mo 20th 1855

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended

The friends appointed to visit Susannah C Rhodes on the reception of her certificate report complied with

Those appointed to assist men friends in writing to Spring Creek Monthly Meeting Iowa in regard to Amos Fry & wifes request. report attended to

Received a communication from Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting granting this meeting liberty to receive Phebe Cox into membership with friends: after a time of deliberation thereon this & mens meeting are free to receive her.

Mary Commings and Rachel Stubbs are appointed to inform her thereof & report to next meeting.

The following report from the Committee having the care of Scripture Schools has been read which was satisfactory.

Report

We the committee appointed in the 4th mo. last to have the oversight of Scripture schools on first days now report, that we opened schools at each of our meeting houses the last first day in the 4th mo., and closed the 3rd first day of the present month, with an average attendance of about 20 scholars at Woodbury & 25 at Chester and that their conduct was satisfactory.

We would also recommend heads of families to take into consideration whether by a more prompt attendance on their part such schools in future might not be benefited, and much help and encouragement held forth to the young & rising generation; and we each one

of no more unhesitatingly. be able to say that we encourage our children to read the Holy Scriptures diligently

Signed on behalf of the committee by

Isaac Commons

Tabitha Ann Baily

The meeting then ended

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 10th Month 25th 1855

The friends appointed to inform Phebe Cox of her reception into membership report that has been attended to.

Needham Rice and Mary Swain informs this meeting in writing that they intend marriage with each other. Rachel Stubbs and Jemima Clark are appointed to make inquiry respecting her clearness of similar engagements with others and report to next meeting

The meeting concluded

Chester Monthly Meeting of women friends held 11th Month 22nd 1855

The clerk being absent Anna Maria Bolan is appointed clerk for the day.

Those appointed to make inquiry respecting Mary Swains clearness of marriage engagements with others report they find nothing to hinder

They are therefore left at liberty to accomplish their intentions according to discipline Rachel Stubbs and Jemima Clark are appointed to attend the marriage and entertainment see that good order be observed and report to next meeting.

Absillot Maddock Charlotte Stubbs Rachel Adle and Martha Valentine are appointed to attend the ensuing Quarterly Meeting as representatives, and report to next meeting.

Esther V Nicholson requests to be released from serving this meeting as assistant clerk Rachel Adle Rachel Jefferis and Rachel Stubbs are appointed to consider the

propriety thereof and if way should open bring forward another name to serve in her place and report to next meeting

Extracts from the minutes of our late Yearly Meeting have been read which were satisfactory, and are directed to be read in the preparative meetings

The Meeting then concluded

Chester monthly meeting of women friends held 12th Mo 20th 1855

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Southam [illegible] Mary Swain report they attended and thought it orderly accomplished

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended.

The committee appointed to consider the propriety of bringing forward the name of a friend to serve this meeting as assistant clerk report they have conferred together

& are united in proposing the name of Totilla Ann Bailey with whom the meeting unites & appoints her accordingly & Esther L. Nicholson is released at her request.

Sollary Commons requests to be released from serving the meeting as overseer, Rachel Tipping, Willet Maddock, Eliza Rogers and Martha Valentine are appointed to consider the propriety thereof and if way should open bring forward to next meeting the name of a suitable friend to serve in that place.

The London General epistle together with others from London, Dublin, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina ~~& Indiana~~ have been in this meeting we trust to our edification.

Mahlon Kendall and wife (Mary Elizabeth his) request their rights of membership removed to Sugar Plain monthly meeting, Eliza Rogers and Margaret Hampton are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if no obstruction appears inform men friends and report to next meeting.

The meeting concluded.

Chester monthly meeting of women friends held 12th mo. 24th 1856

The friends appointed to bring forward the name of a friend to serve as overseer, in the place of Mary Commons who is released at her request, have proposed the name of Rachel Adle, with which the meeting unites and she is appointed to that service and Mary Commons is released at her request.

A certificate has been received, for Thomas Hendall, from White Water monthly meeting dated 12th mo. 26th 1855.

The friends appointed to make enquiry respecting ~~Mary Elizabeth~~ Mahlon Hendall and wife having a certificate report it has been complied with; these friends produced one which was read approved and signed.

Received the following report from the book and tract committee which is as follows and is satisfactory.

Report.

We the committee now make the following report; we have paid some attention to the object of our appointment, we have received

since our last report about 500 tracts of which number there has been about 600 distributed to friends and others which were kindly received, leaving about two hundred on hand for distribution; we have answered the annual queries proposed to us by the Central Book and Tract committee and also those of the Quarterly Meeting committee; and in conclusion we would recommend friends to be liberal in their subscriptions in aid of the Central Book and Tract committee.

Jesse Clark. Clerk.

Martha Valentine, Sarah F. Branson, Leah Wagner, Eliza Hegus and Rachel Jeffries are appointed in conjunction with men friends to bring forward names to constitute the Book and Tract committee and report to next meeting.

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly meeting of women friends held 2nd Mo. 21st 1856

1st 2d & 8th Queries have been read with written answers thereto from each preparative from which a summary was taken & directed to the ensueing Quarterly Meeting by

Leah Keesner, Eliza Negus, Rachel Jefferis, & Sarah G Branson, whom we appoint & as representatives to attend therewith & report to next & meeting.

Received a certificate for Mary B Thomas from New Garden Monthly meeting dated 1st mo 19th 1860. Elizabeth Clark, Rachel Jefferis & Eliza Negus are appointed to pay her a visit on the reception thereof & report to next & meeting.

Received a certificate for Hesiah S Commons from Elk Monthly Meeting dated 1st mo 24th 1856. Leah Keesner & Rachel Cobb are appointed to pay her a visit on the reception thereof & report to next & meeting

The friends appointed to bring forward names to constitute a Book and Tract Committee produced the following ~~with which~~ which the meeting unites & appoints them accordingly

Mary Reece requests a certificate for herself and minor son Thomas Francis Swain

removed to Dover monthly meeting. Phebe Cox, and Rachel Hobbs are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if no obstruction appears inform them friends and report to next meeting

The following names constitute the books & tracts committee viz:

Mahlon Stubbs Israel Woodruff Eliza Negus Mary Commons	Term one year
Isaac Votaw Isaac Commons Jun. Martha Valentine Emily Jane Hampton	Two " years
John Valentine Isaiah Branson Leah Wesner Sarah G Branson	" Three years

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 3d. Month 20th 1856.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting as representatives report — they all attended with the exception of one for whose absence a reason was given.

The friends appointed to visit Mary B Thomas, on the reception of her certificate report attended to with good satisfaction.

Those appointed to visit Hesiah S Commons on the reception of her certificate report attended to with good satisfaction.

The committee appointed to make inquiry respecting Mary Reece and her minor son having a certificate, report attended to, men friends produced one which was read approved & signed.

Woodbury preparative meeting informs that Edith Wigs formerly Bunch has accomplished her marriage contrary to discipline by which she has relinquished her right of membership. the clerks are directed to furnish her with a copy

of this minute

Woodbury preparative meeting informs that Lucetta Skinner formerly Bunch has accomplished her marriage contrary to discipline by which she has relinquished her right of membership, the clerks are directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute

Woodbury preparative meeting informs that Rachel Parker formerly Willis has accomplished her marriage contrary to discipline by which she has relinquished her right of membership, the clerks are directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Leah Wagner, Catharine Hunt, Rachel Jeffries, & Abigail Maddock are nominated in conjunction with men friends to bring forward names to constitute a committee to inquire into the necessity of the poor & report to next meeting.

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly meeting of Women friends held 4th Month 24th 1856.

The clerk not being present Jemima Clark is apointed for the day.

Those appointed in conjunction with men friends to bring forward names to constitute a committee to have the care of the poor propose the names of Isaac Commons Michael Wasner Mahlon Stubbs John Valentine Jane Wasner Rachel Jeffries ~~[illegible]~~ & Martha Valentine who being united with by this and mens meeting are appointed to that service.

Recieved a certificate for ~~[illegible]~~ from dover monthly meeting for Joshua Crampton and Martha his wife with their minor children Emeline Eliza Ann Franklin & Lydia Esther Isaac Jay and Susanna Crampton dated 2nd month 20th 1856

Recieved a certificate from White Water monthly meeting for Mary Snipes dated 3 month 26 1856.

Charity Horn and Leah Weisner were appointed to visit her on the reception thereof ~~visit her~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ report to next meeting.

Rachel Jeffries Lemima Clark Matilda Hubbard and Eliza Negus are appointed to assist the clerks in revising and recording the minutes of this meeting and report when compared with.

Matilda Hubbard Mary Thomas ~~[illegible]~~ Sarah Ann Hampton Sarah G Branson Martha Valentine & Phebe Cox ~~are~~ are appointed to attend and have the care of the first day Scripture School and report when men friends do.

Isaiah Branson Isaac Lotan and Martha Valentine are appointed Libra rians for Chester & Isaac Commons Jun for Woodbury revised this far

~~[illegible]~~

Revised this far and Recorded this far

Chester Monthly Meeting of women friends held 5th Mo, 22nd 1856.

Emily Jane Hampton requests to be released from serving this meeting as clerk Rachel Jefferies Eliza Pegus Matilda Hubbard and Martha Valentine are appointed to consider the propriety of a change and report to next meeting. The meeting then concluded.

[illegible]

Chester Monthly Meeting of women friends held 5 mo 2nd 1856

The clerk not being present Jemima Clark is appointed for the day

The 1st 2nd & 4th queries have been read in this meeting and answered in writing from each preparative, from which a summary was taken and directed to the ensuing quarterly meeting by Rachel Cox Elizabeth Maddox Rosundia M Weeks and Jane Hampton whom we appoint our representatives to attend therewith and report their care and attendance to next meeting.

Those appointed to visit Mary Impus on the reception of her certificate report it has been attended to the good satisfaction.

Those appointed to consider the propriety of a change of clerks report that they have conferred together and agree to continue Emily Jane Hampton with whom the meeting unites and continues her to that service.

We have raised 2.75 cts for the use of Indians which is directed to be placed in the hands of the committee.

Elizabeth Clark Sarah J. Bunson Rachel Stanton Martha Valentine and Phebe Iron are appointed in conjunction with men friends to visit those that are negligent in the attendance of meetings and report when complied with.

The meeting concluded.

[illegible] Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 6 mo 19th 1856

The Clerk not being present Jemima [illegible] is appointed for the day.

Those appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended.

Those appointed to ~~attend~~ visit the [illegible] [illegible] mentioned in the minutes of this meeting report [illegible] [illegible].

The Gen Epistle has been read in this meeting which was satisfactory.

The school committee produced the following report which is satisfactory and the same friends are continued to extend their care and have the oversight of schools.

Report

To the Monthly Meeting

We the committee appointed on the subject of Education now report that we have

endeavoured to attend to the object of our appointment: there has been at Chesterfield School 6 months in the year. The committee have visited and had the oversight of the schools and extended their care and given such advice as seemed necessary.

Signed on behalf of the committee
Micah Woodruff. Clk

Jeremiah Cox requests to be again joined in membership with friends which being united with by mens meeting, he is received accordingly.

The meeting concludes.

At a Monthly Meeting of women friends held 1st month 24th 1856.

[illegible] East Grove Mo Mtg held at [illegible]

[illegible] appointed [illegible] next [illegible]

[illegible] next meeting

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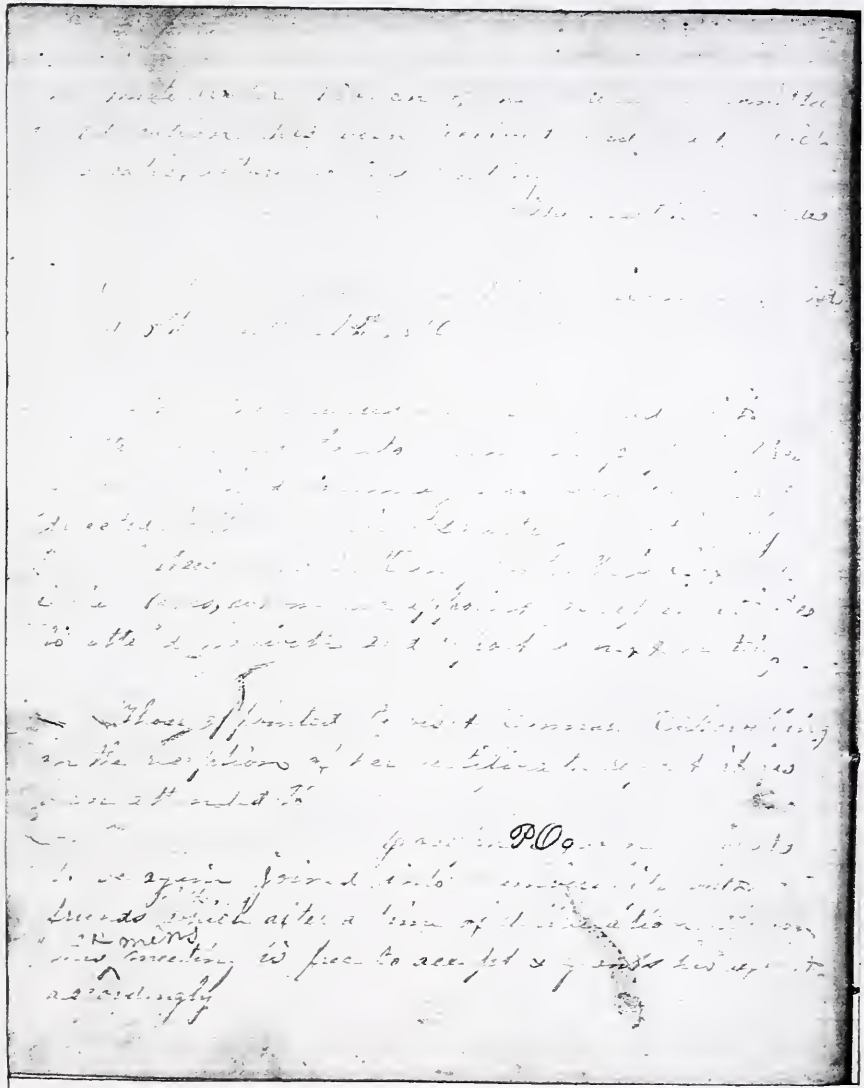

The committee appointed to visit those [illegible] in the attendance of meeting reports the [illegible] has received attention

[illegible] a certificate [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] appointed to [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] friends & report to next meeting

[illegible] [illegible] next meeting with [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] are appointed to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] report to next meeting

One dollar & thirty six cents has been raised to increase the Yearly Meeting stock. $1,71 to aid the committee on Indian concerns, & 93 cts for the use of the book & tract committee which was directed to the Quarterly meeting

The meeting concludes

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting as representatives report they all attended except one

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Elvira Elliott's clearness of marriage Engagements with others, report they find nothing to hinder. They having consent of parents are therefore left at liberty to accomplish their intentions according to discipline. Rachel Adle & Phebe Cox are appointed to attend the marriage & entertainment &c. that good order be observed and report to next meeting

Those appointed to make inquiry respecting Isaac Stubbs & family having a certificate, report they find nothing to hinder. Men friends produced one which was read approved & signed

Received a communication from West Grove monthly meeting, stating their approbation of our receiving Joseph P Osborn into membership with friends

Peter H Wright and Ann Jones inform this meeting in writing, that they intend marriage with each other. Gulielma Kraft & Rachel Jeffris are appointed to make inquiry respecting her clearness of similar engagements with others, & report to next meeting

Then Concluded

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 10th Month 23d 1856

Those appointed to attend the marriage and entertainment of Joseph Ozburn & Elvira Elliott report it orderly accomplished.

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Ann Jones' clearness of marriage engagements with others, report they find nothing to hinder. They are therefore left at liberty to accomplish their intentions according to discipline.

Gulielma Kraft & Martha Valentine are appointed to attend the marriage and entertainment, see that good order be observed, & report to next meeting

Then Concluded

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 11th mo 20th 1856

Martha Strattan Eliza Negus, Phebe Cox and Casandria Weeks are appointed to attend the ensuing Quarterly meeting as representatives and report their care & attendance to next meeting

Those appointed to attend the marriage and entertainment of Peter H Wright & Ann Janes report it orderly accomplished

Sarah C Branson requests to be released from serving this meeting as overseer. Abaillet Maddock Martha Valentine Rachel Stanton and Elizabeth Clark are appointed to consider the propriety of a change of overseers; and report to next meeting

Hannah Pearson a minister, in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting, producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Fairfield Monthly meeting dated 10th mo 16th 1856 Leah Wiesner, Eliza Negus, & Martha Valentine are appointed in conjunction with men friends to prepare & produce to next meeting if may should open a returning minute for her recorded so far

The committee appointed in 4th mo last to have charge of scripture schools produced a report which was satisfactory to the meeting

Chester monthly Meeting of women friends held 12th mo 25th 1856

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended

The committee appointed in case of overseers report they have attended to their appointment and are agreed in proposing the name of Abeille Maddock in place of Sarah G Pearson, & to continue Rachel Jefferis: with whom the meeting unites & they are appointed to the service & Sarah G. Branson is released at her request

The joint committee appointed to prepare a returning minute for Hannah Pearson produced one which was read, approved and signed

The extracts from our late Yearly meeting have been read, which was satisfactory, and they are directed to the Preparative meeting

Received a certificate for Susannah Williams from White Water monthly meeting dated 9th mo 24th 1856. Rachel Jeffris and Sarah Newman are appointed to visit her on the reception thereof & report to next meeting.

The London General Epistle has been read, which was satisfactory to the meeting

The meeting concludes

Chester monthly meeting of women friends held 1st mo 22nd 1857

Those appointed to visit Susannah Williams on the reception of her certificate report it has been attended to, to satisfaction

Received a certificate for Stephen Stubbs and wife Eliza, with their minor children Sela Neal, Clinton, and Emily Stubbs, from Spiceland Monthly meeting dated 12th mo 24th 1856

Elvira Ozbun requests her right of member=ship removed to Elk monthly meeting. Catharine Hunt and Phebe Cox are appointed to make the needful inquiry, and if no obstruction appears prepare and produce one to next meeting

Elizabeth Commons having removed with her minor children and settled within the limits of White Water monthly meeting, request has been made for our certificate of their right of membership removed to that monthly meeting. Catharine Hunt and Phebe Cox, are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if no obstruction appears inform men friends and report to next meeting

A satisfactory report from the Book and Tract committee has been read; ~~and~~ Jemima Clark and Sarah G Branson are appointed to write with men friends in bringing forward to next meeting, the names of suitable friends, to serve on that committee, in place of Mahlon Stubbs, Israel Westruff Mary Commons, and Eliza Negus, whose term of service then expires

The meeting concludes

Chester Mo. Meeting of women friends held 2nd Mo 19th 1850

The 19th 1st & 8th queries have been read with written answers thereto from the preparatives from which a summary has been taken and directed to our ensueing Quarterly meeting by Rachel Jeffris. Julietma Hiatt & Eliza Negus and Mary Snipes whom we appoint our representatives to attend therewith and report their care and attendance to next Meeting.

Those appointed to make inquiry respecting Elizabeth Commons a minor childern having a certificate, have attended thereto; and men friends produced one which was read approved & signed

Those appointed to bring forward names of friends to serve on the Books & Tract committee, propose the names of Jesse Clark, Jacob D Hampton, Semina Clark, and Hesiah Commons, with whom the meeting unites, and appoints them to the service, except Hesiah Commons, who being absent, her appointment is deferred to next meeting

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Elvira Osburn having a certificate, not being present it is referred to next meeting under the care of the same friends

Ann Wright requests a certificate for herself and minor children removed to New Garden Monthly Meeting Jemima Clark and Rachel Stubbs are appointed to make the needful inquiry, and if no obstruction appears inform men friends, and report to next meeting

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 3rd mo 11th 1857

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as representatives, report they all attended except one

Keziah Commons not being present, her appointment is still deferred to next meeting

The friends appointed respecting Elvira Osburn having a certificate, produced one which was read approved and signed

Those appointed to make inquiry respecting Ann Wright & minor children having a certificate report attended &c. Bren friends produced one which was read, approved & signed

Epistles from London, Dublin and Rhode Island Yearly Meetings have been read, which was satisfactory

The meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 4th Month 23d 1857

Hesiah Commons now being present is appointed a member of the Book & Tract committee

Chester preparative informs that Eliza Newburn (formerly Hall) has accomplished her marriage contrary to discipline, by which she has relinquished her right of membership. Martha Valentine is appointed to furnish her with a copy of this minute & report to next meeting

Epistles from New York, Baltimore, North Carolina & Ohio Yearly meetings have been read, which was satisfactory to the meeting

Received a certificate for Martha Baldwin and minor son William from White Water Mo. meeting dated 2d mo. 25th 1857.

Received a certificate for Enos P. Baldwin from Vermillion Mo. Meeting Ohio held at Hopewell Ohio dated 4th mo 4th 1857

Received a certificate for Sarah Arment from White Water Mo Meeting bearing date 2d mo. 25th 1857

Received a communication from White Water Mo. meeting dated 3d mo 25th 1857, informing us they had received our certificate for Elizabeth Cammons & minor children dated 2d mo. 19th 1857

Jemima Clark, Martha Valentine Eliza Negus and Matilda Hubbard are appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks, & if way should open, bring forward the names of suitable friends to serve as Clerk & report to next meeting.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 5th Mo. 21st 1857.

Eliza Negus Emily Jane Hampton Jemima Clark Martha Valentine Elizabeth Clark Abigail Maddock Hesiah Commons Phebe Cox and Margaret Hampton are appointed in conjunction with men friends to open and have charge of the first day Scripture Schools the ensuing summer, & report when needful

The meeting Concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of women friends held 5th Mo. 21st 1857

The 1st 2nd and 8th Queries have been read with written answers thereto from each preparative from which a summary was selected & directed to the ensuing Quarterly meeting by Mary Commons Matilda Hubbard Margaret Hampton and Abigail Maddock whom we appoint as representatives to attend therewith and report their care & attendance to next meeting.

The friend appointed to furnish Eliza Newburn with a copy of the minute in her case reports, not attended to. Martha Valentine & Mary Snipes are directed to attend thereto and report to next meeting.

Those appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks inform they have paid some attention to the subject, but are not ready to report. They are therefore continued to report to next meeting.

$1,175 has been raised to aid in African concerns, $1,136 for the use of the Book and Tract committee, which is directed to be placed in the hands of the treasurers of their respective committees.

Rachel Hill requests a certificate for herself & minor children removed to White Water monthly meeting. Rachel Jeffris & Phebe Cox are appointed to make the needful inquiry, & if no obstruction appears, inform their friends & report to next meeting.

Received a communication from New Garden Monthly meeting dated 4th Mo. 18th 1857, informing us they had received our certificate for Ann Wright & minor children

Also one from Elk Monthly meeting informing us they had received our certificate for Elvira Osburn

The following report from the committee on Education had been read.

To the Monthly meeting

We the committe appointed to attend to the subject of Education & Schools now report, that we have endeavoured to attend to the object of our appointment in procuring teachers and having the oversight of Schools.

Signed on behalf of the committee

Israel Woodruff

Rachel Jefferis

5th Mo 21st 1857

Sarah G Branson Anna Maria Botaw Rachel Stubbs, & Jemima Clark are appointed in conjunction with men friends, to bring

forward to next meeting, if way opens, the names of suitable friends to constitute an Education=al committee

The tried situation of ~~xxx~~ friends at Woodbury on account of the smallness of their number, being introduced by men friends the meeting unites in appointing Rachel Jefferis Leah Weesner, Jane Hampton & Rachel Stanton as a joint committee in visiting that meeting & report their judgment thereon to next meeting

Margaret Hampton, Abigail Kendall, Abillet Maddock & Eliza Negus, are appointed to assist the clerks in revising and recording the minutes of this meeting, & report when complied with

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly meeting of Women friends held 6th Month 25th 1857

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended

The friends appointed to furnish Eliza Newburn with a copy of the minute in her case report attended to

The committee continued to bring forward names for clerks, report they were united in proposing Emily Jane Hampton for clerk with whom the meeting unites & continues her to the service, & Sarah Ann Hampton for assistant with whom the meeting expresses unity, but she not being present her appointment is deferred until next meeting

Those appointed to make inquiry respecting Rachel Adle & family having a certificate report attended to. Men friends produced one which was read approved & signed

The friends appointed to bring forward names to constitute an Educational committee propose the names of Joshua Jefferis Jesse Clark Isaac Votaw, Sarah G Branson Matilda Hubbard Jemima Clark and Anna M. Votaw, with whom the meeting unites and appoints them to the service.

The joint committee appointed to visit Woodbury meeting, inform they have paid attention to the subject but are not ready to make a full report. They are therefore continued to extend further care as way may open & report to next meeting

The following report from the committee appointed to have the care of the poor, has been read, which was satisfactory, & the committee is continued to extend further care to the subject

We the committee appointed to have the oversight of those who might appear likely to require aid have paid attention to the object of our appointment, and expended $13,68 for their relief

Signed on behalf of the committee John Valentine
6th mo. 25th 1857 Leah Weesner

Revised this for The meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 7th Mo 23d 1857

Sarah Ann Hampton now being present is appointed assistant clerk

The committee appointed to visit Woodbury made a report which was read, and after deliberating thereon, the meeting united in the judgment of deferring the decision until next meeting

The meeting concluds

Chester Monthly Meeting of women friends held 8th Mo. 20th 1857

All the Queries have been read, with written answers thereto from the Preparatives, from which a summary was taken & directed to be forwarded to the ~~next~~ ensuing Quarterly meeting by Jane Hampton, Hannah Nicholson, Phebe Cox, and Ruhelma Heath whom we appoint as Representatives to attend therewith & report their care & attendance to next meeting

$1,160 has been raised to aid the committee on Indian concerns, & $208 to increase the Cont. stock which was directed to be forwarded to the Q. Meeting

The subject of discontinueing the meeting at Woodbury having again claimed the weighty consideration of friends, this & Mensis meeting have united in judgment with the committee, in believing the time has about arrived for that meeting to be laid down.

The preparative meeting informs that Jane Smedley (formerly Maddock) has accomplished her marriage contrary to discipline, by which she has relinquished her right of membership Rachel Jeffris is appointed to furnish her with a copy of this minute & report to next Meeting

Asa Talbert, and Elvira Townsend inform this meeting in writing that they intend marriage with each other Eliza Negus & Sarah C Branson are appointed to inquire into her clearness of similar engagements with others, & report to next meeting

The committee appointed to assist the clerks in revising, & recording the minutes of this meeting report attended &c.

The meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 9th Mo. 24th 1857.

The friend apptd. to attend the Quarterly Meeting as representatives, report they all attended except one

The friend appointed to furnish Jane Snediker with a copy of the minute in her case informs not attended to. The same is therefore continued, to the service, & report to next mtg.

Those appointed to make inquiry respecting Elvira Townsends clearness of marriage engagements with others report they find nothing to hinder. They having consent of parents are therefore left at liberty to accomplish their marriage according to discipline Phebe Cox and Sarah G. Branson are apptd. to attend the marriage see that good order be observed, & report to next mtg.

Jeremiah Cox & wife request their ~~certificate~~ right of membership removed to White Water Monthly Meeting Mary Commons & Rachel Jefferis are appointed

to make the needful inquiry, & if no obstruction appears, inform mem friends, & report to next meeting.

Jesse M. Harris and Emily Jane Hampton informm this meeting in writing that they propose marriage with each other. Eliza Negus & Mary Snipes are appointed to inquire into her clearness of similar engagements with others, and report to next meeting.

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 10th Mo 22nd 1857

The friends continued to furnish Jane Smedsker with a copy of a minute in her case reports not yet attended to. Jemima Clark is appointed to furnish her therewith and report when complied with.

Those appointed to attend the marriage of Asa Talbert and Elvira Townsend report they attended there to & thought it orderly accomplished

Those appointed to make the needful inquiry respecting Jeremiah & Cox & wife having a certificate report they find nothing to hinder Men Friends produced one which was read approved and signed.

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Emily Jane Hamptones clearness of marriage engagements with others, report they find nothing to hinder. They having consent of parents are therefore left at liberty to accomplish their intentions according to discipline. Eliza Negus and Absillet Maddock are appointed to attend the marriage and entertainment, see that good order be observed & report to next meeting.

The meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 11th Mo. 19th 1865.

The clerk not being present Jemima Clark is appointed for the day.

Those appointed to attend the marriage of Jesse M Harris and Emily

Jane Hampton report they thought it orderly accomplished.

Mary Snipes Matilda Hubbard Jemima Clark and Rachel Jeffries are appointed to attend the ensueing Quarterly Meeting as representatives and report their care and attendance to next meeting

The meeting Concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 12 mo 24th 1857.

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as representatives, report they attended except one

The Extracts from our late Yearly meeting have been read to satisfaction and directed to the preparative meeting

The London General Epistle has been read together with others from [illegible] New England and New York Yearly Meetings, which were instructive

Mariam H. Hough in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting, producing a minute of unity and concurrence from New Garden Mo. Mtg. dated 12th Mo 19th 1857. Also Mary Parker companion to our friend Mariam H Hough producing a minute of unity from a committee appointed by New Garden Mo meeting dated 12th Mo 19 1857. Martha Valentine and Gulielma Heath are appointed in conjunction with men friends to prepare, if way opens Essays of returning minutes, & produce them to next meeting

The meeting Concluded

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 1st Month 31st 1858

The committee appointed to prepare essays of returning minutes for Mariam H Hough and Mary Parker produced them which were read approved & signed

Epistles from Baltimore, North Carolina & Ohio. Yearly Meetings have been read which was satisfactory

Received a communication from White Water monthly meeting dated 12th mo 28th 1857 informing us they had received our certificate for Jeremiah Cox & Phebe his wife dated 10th mo 22nd 1857

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 2nd month 25th 1858

The 1st 2nd and 8th Queries have been read with written answers thereto from the preparative from which a summary was taken, and directed to the ensuing Quarterly meeting by Rachel Jefferis Margaret Hampton, Eliza Negus & Emily Jane Harris, whom we appoint our representatives to attend therewith, and report to next meeting

The friend appointed to furnish Jane Snedaker with a copy of the minute in her case, reports it has been attended to

A satisfactory report from the Book & Tract committee has been read. Eliza Negus Abeille & Maddock, Mary Commons, & Rachel Jefferis are appointed to unite with a like committee from

men's meeting, & bring forward the names of suitable friends to serve on that committee in place of Isaac Commons Jun. Isaac Bolton Martha Valentine & Emily Jane Harris whose term of service then expires

The meeting Concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 8th Mo 25th 1858

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended except one

The friends appointed to bring forward names to serve on the Book & Tract committee informs they have paid some attention to the subject but are not ready to make a full report. They are therefore continued to next meeting

The following report from the committee appointed to have charge of First day Scripture Schools last year has been read which was satisfactory. The same

friends are continued to extend like service the ensueing summer except Phebe Cox removed & Absillet Maddock about to remove, & Hannah Nicholson & Rachel Williams are appointed to serve in their places.

Report

The committee having the care of opening and conducting a first day Scripture school, inform, that one was commenced on the 2nd first day in the 5th Mo. last and closed on the 2nd First day in the 9th Mo. averageing about 50 scholars, mostly members of our society: their conduct & general deportment quite satisfactory; and we believe many were much interested in the school, and we have no doubt but a lasting benefit will be received, in an especial manner where parents are rightly concerned to extend suitable care & advice towards their tender offspring around them

On behalf of the committee

Eleazar Hiatt

Emily Jane Harris

Abrillet Maddock requests to be released from serving this meeting as overseer Martha Valentine Leah Wesner and Elizabeth Clark are appointed to consider the propriety of a change and if way opens produce to next meeting names of suitable friends to serve in that place

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 4th Mo. 22d 1858

Mary Commons Eliza Negus, Sarah G Branson & Martha Valentine are appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks & if way open bring forward to next meeting the names of suitable friends to serve in that place

Rachel Jeffris Elizabeth Clark Martha Valentine & Jemima Clark are appointed to assist the clerks in revising & recording the minutes of this meeting & report when compiled with

$1.85 has been raised to aid the committee on African concerns which is directed to be placed in the hands of the treasurer of [redacted] Branch

Those continued to bring forward names of friends to serve on the Book & Tract committee report they are united in proposing Lindsey Nicholson, Stephen Stubbs, Hannah Nicholson, and Margaret Hampton with whom the meeting unites and appoints them to the service

The friends appointed in case of overseers report they have conferred together and are united in continueing Rachel Jeffris and propose the name of Jemima Clark in place of Absalom Maddock with whom the meeting unites & appoints them accordingly

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly meeting of women friends held 5th mo. 20th 1858

The 1st 2nd & 8th queries have been read with written answers thereto from the preparatory which a summary has been selected, & directed to the ensuing quarterly meeting by Margaret Hampton Martha Strattan Martha Valentine & Mary Snipes whom we appoint as representatives to attend therewith & report to next meeting

Chester preparative informs there is a complaint against Elizabeth Branson for manifesting disunity with friends by neglecting the attendance of our religious meetings; denying the Divine authority of the Holy Scriptures & advocating the doctrine of universal salvation as held by those commonly called progressive spiritualists

Gulielma Kiatt & Mary Snipes are appointed to treat with her on that account & report the result of their care to next meeting

A satisfactory report from the committee on education has been read; and the same friends are continued to the service except Sarah G Branson who is released at her request ~~requests to be released~~ Martha Valentine is appointed in her place

Eli Maddock & wife request a certificate for themselves & minor children removed to Vermillion Monthly Meeting Ill. Rachel Jefferis & Matilda Hubbard are aptd. to make the needful inquiry & if no obstruction appears inform men friends & report to next meeting

Received a certificate for Tabitha Jane Merideth from Dover, Monthly Meeting dated 5th Mo 19th 1858

The friends appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks inform they are not ready to report. They are therefore continued to next meeting

Emily Jane Harris requests her right of membership removed to New Garden Monthly Meeting Martha Strattan & Rachel Stubbs are appointed to make the needful inquiry & if no obstruction appears prepare & produce one to next meeting. The meeting concludes revised this far

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 6th Mo. 24th 1858.

Those appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended.

Those appointed to visit Elizabeth Branson report, they have had an opportunity with her, but she did not manifest a disposition to make satisfac=tion with friends. After deliberating thereon it is the judgment of this and mens meeting she should be testified against. Rachel Stubbs and Anna M Votaw are appointed to inform her the judgment of the meeting in her case, and report to next meeting.

The friends appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks. report they were united in proposing the name of Sarah Ann Hampton for clerk, and Susannah H Rhodes for assistant, with whom this meeting unites and appoints them to the service.

Those appointed to make the needful inquiry respecting Eli Maddock and family having a certificate report they found nothing to hinder. Men friends produced one which was read approved and signed — also one for David Maddock, which was read approved and signed.

Those appointed to make the needful inquiry respective Emily Jane Harris having a certificate produced one which was read approved & signed

Chester preparative informs that Mary Snipes requests her daughter Hannah Ann (a minor) to be received into membership with friends. Leah Wesner & Elizabeth Clark are appointed to visit her on that account & report there case to next meeting.

Elvira Talbert requests her right of membership removed to Elk monthly meeting of friends. Rachel Jeffris & Matilda Hubbard are appointed to make

the needful inquiry and if no obstruction appears prepare and produce one to next meeting.

The book and tract committee propose that Jemima Clark be appointed Librarian the ensueing yeat. and Martha Valentine released from the service. with whom the meeting unites and appoints her accordingly

The joint committee appointed to have the oversight of those who may be likely to require aid inform they found no need of expenditures the past year and the committee is released from further service.

The meting concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 7th mo. 22nd 1858

The friends appointed to inform Elizabeth Branson ~~&c~~ how the judgment of the meeting in her case report it has been attended to

The friends appointed to visit Mary Snipes and her daughter Hannah Ann on account of their request, report they have had an opportunity with them, to good satisfaction. After a time of deliberation thereon, this and mens meeting are free to receive her into membership with friends. Matilda Hubbard and Margaret Hampton are appointed to inform her the judgment of the meeting in her case and report to next.

The friends appointed to make the needful inquiry respecting Elvira Talbert having a certificate, produced one which was read approved and signed.

A testimony of disownment ~~has~~ been produced to this from mens meeting for Elizabeth Branson, which was read and signed by direction. Margaret Hampton and Jemima Clark are appointed to offer her a copy thereof — inform her of her ~~right of~~ privilege of an appeal and report to next meeting.

Enos P. Baldwin & wife requests a certificate for themselves and minor children removed to White Water monthly meeting ~~of friends~~ Eliza Negus and Gulielma Hiatt are appointed to make the needful inquiry, and if no obstruction appears, inform men friends and report to next meeting.

~~The meeting concludes.~~

~~Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 8th mo. 19th 1858.~~

Testimony of disownment.

Elizabeth Branson who has had a right of membership in the society of friends has neglected the attendance of our religious meetings, denies the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures and advocates the doctrine of universal salvation as held by those commonly called progressive spiritualists, for which she has been treated with without the desired effect.

We therefore disown her from being a member with us. Signed in and by direction of Chester monthly meeting of friends held 9th mo. 22d 1858.

Mahlon Stubbs } Clks
Sarah Ann Hampton }

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 8th mo 19th 1855.

All the queries have been read in this meeting with written answers thereto from the preparatives from which a summary was taken and directed to the quarterly meeting by Rachel Branson, Anna M. Wotaw, Eliza Keyes and Jemima Clark, whom we appoint as representatives to attend therewith and report their care and attendance to next meeting.

The sum of $1.86 cts has been raised for Indians concerns, $1.30 cts for the Book, and Tract Committee, and $1.10 cts for Yearly meeting stock, which is directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting.

The friends appointed to inform Hannah Ann Snipes of her reception into membership report it has been attended to.

The friends appointed to offer Elizabeth Branson a copy of her testification report it has been attended to in writing.

The friends appointed to make the needful inquiry respecting Enos P. Baldwin and family having a certificate report it has been attended to and friends produced one which was read approved and signed,

The friends appointed to assist the clerks in revising and recording the minutes report complied with,

Chester preparative informs there is a complaint against Susannah Branson for manifesting disunity with friends by neglecting the attendance of our religious meetings by denying the Divine authority of the Holy scriptures, and advocating the doctrine of Universal salvation as held by those commonly called progressive spiritualists. Mary Commons and Anna M Votaw are appointed to visit her on that account, and report the result of their care to next meeting.

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly meeting of Women friends held 9th mo. 23rd 1858

The friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as representatives, report they all attended.

The friends appointed to visit Susannah Branson report they have paid her a visit, but she did not manifest a disposition to make satisfaction to friends. After a time of deliberation thereon, it is the united judgment of this monthly meeting that she should be testified against. Abigail Kendall and Anna M. Votaw are appointed to inform her the judgment of the meeting in her case and report to next. The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly meeting of Women friends held 10th mo 21st 1858

The friends appointed to inform Susannah Branson the judgment of the meeting in her case report it has been attended to.

A testimony of disownment has been produced to this from mens meeting for Susannah Branson which was read and signed & direction Rachel Stubbs and Margaret Hampton are appointed to offer her a copy thereof — informe her of her ~~right to~~ appeal, and report to next meeting

Enos G Bray in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Milford monthly meeting dated 25th of 9th mo 1858. Also one for Jesse Hiatt companion to our friend Enos G Bray producing a minute of unity from a committee appointed by Milford Monthly meeting dated 9th mo 25th '58

Testimony of disownment.

Susannah Branson who has had a right in ~~the society of friends~~ of membership in the society of friends has manifested dismiety with friends by neglecting the attendance of our religious meetings & denies the Divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures and advocates the doctrine of Universal salvation as held by those commonly called progressive spiritualists, for which she has been treated with without the desired effect We therefore disown her from being a member

with us Signed by direction and on behalf of Chester Monthly meeting of friends held 10th m° 21st 1858

Mahlon Stubbs
Sarah Ann Hampton } clerks

Men friends produced returning minutes for Enos L Pray and Jesse Hiatt which were read approved and signed,

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 11th m° 25th 1858.

The friends appointed to offer Susanna Branson a copy of her testification report it has been attended to.

Mary Commons
Martha Valentine Rachel Stubbs and Elizabeth Clark are appointed to attend the ensueing quarterly meeting as representatives and report their care & attendance to next meeting

Received a communication from White Water mo meeting stating their approbation of our receiving Jon Baldwin into membership with friends

Daniel H Hutchins in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Mill Creek monthly meeting of friends Ohio dated 10th mo 12th 1858

Received a communication from New Garden Mo. meeting asking our approbation of their receiving Jonathan Crampton into membership with friends

Mears Commons, Leah Wesner Matilda Hubbard, and Eliza Negus, are appointed to consider the propriety of a change in overseers and if way should open bring forward to next meeting names of suitable friends to serve in that place,

Elizabeth Clark, Leah Wesner, Mary Commons, and Rachel Jefferis are appointed ~~in conjunction with said friends~~ to make the needful inquiry respecting Isaiah Branson and family having their certificates removed to White Water Mo. meeting and if no obstruction appears inform said friends and report to next meeting.

Said friends produced a returning minute for Daniel H Hutchins which was read approved & signed

The meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 12th mo 23rd 1858

The friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended

The committee appointed in case of oversees inform they have paid some attention to the subject, but are not ready to report they are therefore continued to report to next meeting.

The friends appointed to make the needful inquiry respecting Isaih Branson and family having certificates report they find nothing to hinder. Men friends produced one which was read approved & signed. Also one for Rebecca G. Branson which was read approved and signed

Jesse B Williams in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting, producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Springfield Monthly meeting, dated 11th mo 18th 1858

Also Demsey Thornburg companion to our friend Jesse B. Williams producing a minute of unity from Springfield Mo Meeting dated 12th Mo 18th 1858

Thomas Jay in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting, producing a minute of unity and concurrence from West Branch Mo. Meeting Ohio, dated 12th Mo 16th 1858 Also Walter Denham Jay companion to Thomas Jay producing a minute of unity from White Water Mo Meeting dated 12th Mo. 22nd 1858

Miles Mendenhall in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting, producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Springfield Mo Meeting dated 12th Mo. 18th 1858. Also Nathan Dennis companion to Miles Mendenhall producing a minute of unity from Springfield Mo Meeting dated 12th Mo. 18th 1858.

Sarah Wasmer, Rachel Jefferis and Anna Maria Votaw are appointed in conjunction with men friends to prepare if way opens, essays of returning minutes for our friends who are now acceptably with us & produce them to next meeting

The Extracts from our late yearly meeting have been read in this meeting which are directed to the preparative meetings &c.

The following report from the Book and Tract committee has been read, and Eliza Negus, Jemima Clark, and Clarky Koon are appointed to unite with a like committee from mens meeting, and bring forward to next meeting names of suitable friends to serve in place of those whose term of service then expires

The Book & Tract Committee of Chester Mo Meeting now make the following report.

"We have endeavored to attend to the object of our appointment and have distributed 463 tracts a large portion from amongst friends both in this vicinity and in Fayette County, & a number were sent into Ohio and Illinois, and we have lately received 240 from the depository. We also recommend the Mo Meeting to take into consideration the propriety of increasing our library & to turn their attention to it still more for reading matter. And we inform the meeting that the term of service of the following number of the committee will expire next Mo. viz: Isaiah Branson, John Valentine, Cook Wesner & Sarah Branson — John Valentine, Clerk. The meeting concluded

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 1st mo. 29th 1849.

The friends continued to consider the propriety of a change in overseers report they have paid attention to the subject and are united in continueing the same friends for Chester, and propose the names of Hannah Nicholson and Eliza Stubbs for Woodbury with whom this meeting unite and appoints them to that service except Eliza Stubbs who not being present her appointment is deferred to next meeting.

The friends appointed to prepare essays of returning minutes relative to the attendance of friends from other meetings produced them which were read approved and signed.

The joint committee appointed to produce names to serve on the book and tract committee report they are united in proposing the names of James Weeks Israel Woodruff, Rachel Jeffries and Sarah Ann Hampton with whom this meeting unites and appoints them to the service

Woodbury Preparative informs that Esther Osborn (formerly Nicholson) has accomplished her marriage contrary to discipline, and having removed with her husband to Iowa within the limits of Salem Monthly Meeting, Anna McVaw and Sarah Ann Hampton are appointed to write to that meeting, requesting them to treat with her on that account & inform us the result of their labors, and report to next meeting

Woodbury Preparative informs that Sarah Ann Greana (formerly Nicholson) has accomplished her marriage contrary to discipline. Rachel Jeffris and Mary Innes are appointed to treat with her on that account and report the result of their care to next meeting

Joshua C Thomas requests a certificate for himself and family to New Garden Mo. Meeting of Friends removed

Abigail Kendall and Rachel Stubbs are appointed to make the needful inquiry & if no obstruction appears inform men friends & report to next meeting

The meeting concludes

Chester Preparative Meeting of Women Friends held 2nd mo. 24th 1859.

The 1st 2nd and 8th queries have been read in this meeting with written answers thereto from the preparatives from which a summary has been selected and directed to the ensuing quarterly meeting by Rachel Jefferis, Margaret Hampton Leah Webster and Sarah Ann Hampton whom we appoint as representatives to attend thereto and report their care and attendance to next meeting,

The sum of $1,32 had been raised to aid the committee on African concerns and $1,30 for the Book and Tract committee

Daniel Williams in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting, producing a minute of unity and concurrence from West Grove Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo. 13th 1858

The friends appointed to write to Salem Monthly Meeting Iowa requesting them to treat with Esther Osborn on account of her deviation report attended to

The friends appointed to treat with Sarah Ann Gunea on account of her deviation & report it has been attended to - but she did appear to manifest a desire to retain her right, After a time of deliberation thereon it is the united judgment of this and mens meeting she should be testified against Sarah Ann Hampton and Martha Valentine are appointed to prepare a testification of disownment and produce to next meeting.

The friends appointed to make the needful inquiry respecting Joshua C Thomas and family having a certificate report they find nothing to hinder - but mens friends not producing one, the case is continued under the care of the same committee,

Reubin Stubbs requests a certificate for himself and family removed to West Union Monthly Meeting of friends. Rachel Jefferis and Elizabeth Clark are appointed to make the needful inquiry, and if no obstruction appears, inform mens friends and report to next meeting -

Men friends produced a returning minute for Daniel Williams which was read approved and signed.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 3rd mo. 24th 1859.

The friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended.

The friends appointed to prepare a testification for Sarah Ann Carnea produced one which was read approved and signed Margaret Hampton and Mary Knipes are appointed to offer her a copy thereof inform her of her ~~privilege to~~ appeal on an appeal, and report to next meeting.

Eliza Stubbs now being present is appointed overseer for Woodbury

Testimony of Disownment

Sarah Ann Gunea who has had a right of membership in the society of friends has accomplished her marriage contrary to discipline, for which she has been treated with, without the desired effect. We therefore disown her from being a member with us.

Signed in and by direction of Chester Monthly Meeting of friends held 3rd Mo. 24th 1859.

Israel Woodruff
Sarah Ann Hampton } clerks

The committee ~~appointed~~ continued to prepare a certificate for Joshua C Thomas and family produced one which was read approved and signed. Also one for Cyrus M Thomas which was read approved and signed.

Those appointed to make the needful inquiry respecting Mahlon Stubbs and family having a certificate report they find nothing to hinder men friends produced one which was read approved and signed.

New Garden Monthly Meeting informs that Ann Turner requests to be received into membership with friends, and that meeting after taking the requisite care is free to receive her with our consent, Eliza Hegus and Rachel Jefferis are appointed to inform that meeting in writing the judgment of this and report into next meeting

The London general epistle has been read in this meeting we trust to our edification

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 4th Mo. 21st 1859,

The friends appointed to offer Susah Ann Emnea a copy of her testification report it has been attended to

Those appointed to write to New Garden Monthly Meeting in regard to Ann Turners request report attended to.

Epistles from London Dublin New England New York and Baltimore have been read to the satisfaction of the meeting.

Martha Valentine Rachel Jefferis Margaret Hampton. Mary Snipes Eliza Stubbs Mary Nicholson & Tabitha Ann Baily are appointed in conjunction with men friends to take charge of the First-day Scripture schools the ensueing summer and to report when needful.

Chester Monthly Meeting of women friends held 5th mo 19th 1859.

The 1st 2nd and 8th queries have been read in this meeting with written answers thereto from the preparatives, from which a summary has been taken and directed to the ensueing quarterly meeting by Mary Commons, Rachel Hampton Eliza Negus and Abigail Kendall whom we appoint as representatives to attend thereto and report their care and attendance to next meeting.

Received a certificate for Elizabeth Lamms from Salem Monthly Meeting Iowa, dated 3rd mo 16th 1859 Endorsed by W. Waterman mty 4th mo 21st 59

Leah Weesner, Matilda Hubbard Margaret Hampton and Catharine Hunt are appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks and if way opens bring forward to next meeting the names of suitable friends to serve in that place

Epistles from N. Carolina, Ohio and Western Yearly meetings have been read which were satisfactory,

$1,26 has been raised to aid the committee on Indian concerns.

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of women friends held 6th mo 23rd 1859.

The friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended

The friends appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks report they have conferred together and were united in continuing Sarah Ann Hampton for clerk and propose the name of Rachel Jeffris for assistant with whom this meeting unites and appoints them to that service

Margaret Hampton Anna M. Votaw and Matilda Hubbard are appointed to assist the clerks in revising and recording the minutes of this meeting and report when complied with

The following report from the committee on Education has been read and the subject is continued under the direction of the same committee.

Report of the School committee

We the committee appointed on the subject of education and schools report that we have attended to the object of our appointment; have visited the

schools taught within our limits the past year as occasion seemed to require to pretty good satisfaction.

Signed on behalf of the committee

Joshua Jefferis

Anna M. Votaw.

Not acted on for want of the minute of appointment

The meeting concludes.

revised this far.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 7th Mo 21st 1859.

Received a certificate for Rachel Baldwin from Hopewell Monthly meeting dated 5th month 21st 1859.

The meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly meeting of Women friends held 8th Mo. 25th 1859.

All the queries have been read in this meeting with written answers thereto from the preparatives from which a summary was selected and directed to the ensuing quarterly meeting by Martha Valentine Leah Wiesner Abigail Kendall and Hannah Nicholson whom we appoint as representatives to attend thereto, and report their care and attendance to next meeting.

Cyrus E. Carter in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Dover Monthly meeting Ohio dated 16th of 6th Mo 1859.

Also Lydia B Carter wife & companion to our friend Cyrus E Carter producing a minute of unity from a committee appointed by Dover Mo. Meeting dated 16th of 6th Mo 1859

The friends appointed to assist the clerks in revising and recording the minute of this meeting report it has been attended to

Chester preparative meeting informs that Deborah Pickett manifests disunity with friends by wilfully neglecting the attendance of our religious meetings, Mary Commons and Leah Wesner are appointed to visit her on that account and report the result of their care to next meeting,

Woodbury preparatives informs that Harrison M Gibney and Sarah Ann his wife request for themselves and minor daughter Mary Alice to be received into membership with friends. Leah Wesner and Gulielma Hiatt are appointed in conjunction with men friends to visit them on that account and report their care to next meeting

Jemima Clark and Rachel Jefferis are appointed in conjunction with men friends to prepare if way opens essays of returning minutes for our friends who are now acceptable with us and produce them to next meeting.

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Union Men Take Notice.—Primary meetings to nominate councilmen, will be held in each of the Wards of this city, on Tuesday evening next, as follows:

First Ward, at Geo. W. Barnes & Co's Store on Main street.

Second Ward, at the No. 3 Engine Hall.

Third Ward, at the No. 4 Engine Hall.

Fourth Ward, at the office of Crocker & Co's Carriage Manufactory on Main street.

The citizens of each Ward, are urged to turn out in force at the above named meetings, and bring forward the names of good for councilmen, and also give expression their choice for Candidate Clerk, M

An efficient officer.—There is perhap no department of our municipal affairs th has been more successfully, economic and judiciously managed than the repa improvement of the streets, alleys, a ars of the city. The constant pe tention of the commissioner Mr thu business of his office, in r his decided fitness for the the success that has a ment of the busin fine appearan remark

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Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 9th Mo. 22nd 11 1852

The friends appointed to attend the Bt. meeting as representatives report they all attended except one.

The friends appointed to visit Deborah Pickett on account of disunity report they have had an opportunity with her to some degree of satisfaction — the same friends are continued to extend further care in her case and report to next meeting

The committee appointed to visit Harrison McGuiney and Wife on account of their request report they have attended to the object of their appointment to good satisfaction Rachel Jefferis and Rachel Baldwin are appointed in conjunction with men friends to inform them of their reception and report their care to next meeting

The friends appointed to prepare essays of returning minutes for Cyrus E Carter and wife produced ~~them~~ them which was read approved and signed

Stephen Stubbs requests a certificate for himself and family to New Garden Mo. Meeting of friends. Abigail Kendall and Eliza Kegus are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if no obstruction appears inform men friends and report to next meeting

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of women friends held 10th Mo. 20th 1852

The friends continued to extend further care in Deborah Pickets case report they have paid her a visit and she appeared very desirous to retain her right — and after a time of deliberation thereon, this meeting is free to continue her as a member amongst us. Eliza Kegus and Matilda Hubbard are appointed to inform her thereof and report to next meeting.

The friends appointed to inform Harrison M. Guney and wife of their reception into membership with friends report attended to

The friends appointed to make the needful inquiry respecting Stephen Stubbs and family having a certificate report they find nothing to hinder. Men friends produced one which was read approved and signed.

Received a communication from Salem Monthly Meeting Iowa informing they had treated with Esther Osburn agreeably to our request and she was very desirous to retain her right and that meeting was united in retaining her, which is satisfactory to this meeting. Martha Valentine and Mary Ann Woodruff are appointed to prepare a certificate for her to Salem Monthly Meeting Iowa, and produce to next meeting.

George H Johnson & Caroline E Strattan informed this meeting in writing that they intend marriage with each other, Anna M Votaw and Eliza Negus are appointed to inquire into her clearness of similar engagements with others and report to next meeting.

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 11th Mo. 24th 1859

The friends appointed to inform Deborah Pechet the judgement of the meeting in her case report attended to.

The friends appointed to prepare a certificate for Esther Ogborn produced one which was read approved and signed.

The friends appointed to make enquiry respecting Caroline E. Strattans clearness of similar engagements with others report they find nothing to hinder, they having consent of parents are therefore left at libetty to accomplish their intentions according to our discipline Anna M. Votaw and Eliza Negus are appointed to attend the marriage and entertainment, see that good order be observed and report to next meeting.

Leah Weesner Abigail Kendall Clarky Horn and Rachel Baldwin are appointed to attend the ensueing quarterly meeting as representatives and report their care and attendance to next meeting

Sabitha Jane Meredeth requests her certificate removed to White Water Monthly Meeting. Martha Valentine and Elijah Negus are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if no obstruction appears prepare and produce one to next meeting.

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 12th Mo. 22nd 1852

The friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended except one,

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of George H. Johnson and Caroline E. Stratton report they attended thereto and thought it orderly accomplished,

The friends appointed to prepare a certificate for Sabitha Jane Meredeth produced one which was read approved and signed

The following

A satisfactory report from the Book and Tract committee has been read, and Rachel Jefferis, Abigail Kendall, and Rachel Baldwin are appointed to unite with a like committee from mens meeting and bring forward to next meeting names of suitable friends to serve in place of ~~Lindsey Nicholson~~ Jesse Clark Jacob D Hampton ~~Stephen Stubbs~~ Jemima Clark & Kesiah Commons ~~Hannah Nicholson~~ and ~~Margaret Hampton~~ whose term of service then expires

Report

We have attended to the object of our appointment — We have distributed about 300 tracts since last report the most of which was distributed amongs those not in membership with friends. We have some 250 Tract on hand for the profitable distribution of which no way has opened to the committee. And we inform the meeting that the term of service of the following members will expire next month viz: Jesse Clark Jacob D Hampton Jemima Clark & Kesiah Commons

Signed on behalf of the committee

Israel Woodruff clerk

Rachel Jeffris requests to be released from serving this meeting as assistant clerk, Mary Snipes and Eliza Negus are appointed to consider the propriety of a change and if way opens bring forward to next meeting the names of a suitable friend to serve in that place

The Extracts have been read in this meeting to satisfaction also the London General Epistle which was very instructive.

We have been favoured at this time with the reading of an Epistle of advice from the Yearly meeting of ministers and elders which has been satisfactory

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 1st mo. 19th 1866.

The joint committee appointed to produce names to serve on the Book and Tract committee propose the following:

Joseph Negus, Isaac Votaw, Eliza Negus and Sabitha Ann Baily with whom this meeting unites and appoints them to that service

The friends appointed to consider the propriety of a change in assistant clerk inform ~~report~~ they have ~~paid~~ some attention to the subject but are not ready to report. they are therefore continued to report to next meeting

Thomas Smith, a minister acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Raisin Mo. Meeting of friends Michigan dated 9th Mo. 7th 1859. and endorsed by Adrian quarterly meeting dated 9th Mo. 28th 1859 Also Richmond Hathaway companion to our friend Thomas Smith acceptably attended this meeting & produced a minute of unity from Rollin Mo Mtg dated 11th Mo 12th 1859

William J Wright & Sabitha Ann Baily informed this meeting in writing that they intend marriage with

each other. Mary Snipes and Margaret Hampton are appointed to inquire into the clearness of similar engagements with others and report to next meeting.

The following report from the committee appointed to have charge of first day scripture schools last year has been read which is satisfactory, and Eliza Negus Mary Commons Mary Snipes and Elizabeth Clark are appointed in conjunction with men friends to bring forward to next meeting the names of suitable friends to ~~attend~~ like service the ensueing summer.

Report.

We the committee appointed in 4th mo last to have the care and oversight of First day Scriptural schools now make the following report.

We opened one at each of our meetings on the first Firstday in the 5th mo, Chester School continued till the 18th of 9th mo. with an average attendance of about 35 scholars the whole attendance about 85. the conduct of the

scholars was remarkably good, and their lessons generally well recited

That at Woodbury continued till 8th mo 28th ult with an average attendance of about 6— whole number of scholars about 14 conduct of the scholars generally good

James Bunch
Rachel Jefferis

When friends produced returning minutes for friends now in attendance with us which were read approved and signed

Epistles from London, New England New York and Baltimore have been read at this time which were satisfactory and instructive. The meeting concludes

Chester Mo. Meeting of Women friends held 2nd ult mo. 23rd ult 1860

The 1st, 2nd and 8th queries have been read in this meeting and answered in writing from the preparatives, from which a summary was selected and directed to the ensuing quarterly

meeting by Rachel Baldwin, Lucy Amanda Baily, Margaret Hampton, and Martha Valentine whom we appoint as representatives to attend thereto and report their care and attendance to next meeting.

The committee continued in regard to assistant clerk, report they were united in proposing the name of Rachel Jefferis, with whom this meeting unites and reappoints her to that service.

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Tabitha Ann Baily's clearness of similar engagements with others report they find nothing to hinder. They having consent of parents are therefore left at liberty to accomplish their marriage according to our discipline. Margaret Hampton and Mary Snipes are appointed to attend the marriage and entertainment see that good order be observed and report to next meeting

The friends appointed to produce names to ~~serve~~ constitute a committee to have charge of Scripture schools the ensuing summer, propose Elizabeth Clark, Matilda Hubbard, Margaret

Hampton Sarah Ann Hampton, Eliza Negus, Anna Dotaw, Mary Nicholson and Hesiah [illegible] Commons, with whom this meeting unites and appoints them to that service,

Our beloved friend Daniel Williams acceptably attended this meeting, producing a minute of unity and concurrence from West Grove Monthly Meeting of Friends dated 2nd mo. 11th 1860.

Received a certificate for Asenath Thorn from Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting dated 2nd mo 11th 1862.

Epistles from Carolina and Ohio have been read at this time which was truly satisfactory to the meeting. The several Epistles are directed to the preparatives meeting.

Men friends produced a returning minute for Daniel Williams, which was read approved and signed.

The meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 3rd mo. 22nd 1860.

One of the friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as representative report they all attended.

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage and entertainment of William J Wright and Tabitha Ann Baily report that but one attended, and nothing was observed contrary to order.

Leah Weesner Eliza Negus, Rachel Hampton & Kesiah Commons are appointed to consider the propriety of a change in overseers, and if way opens produce to next meeting names of suitable friends to serve in that place

John Valentine requests a certificate for himself and family removed to White Water Monthly meeting

Rachel Jefferis and Anna M Votaw are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if no obstruction appears inform men, and report to next meeting

The meeting now concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 4th mo. 19th 1860

The committee appointed in case of overseers report they conferred together and are united in proposing the names of Rachel Jeffris and Eliza Kegels for Chester and Mary Commons and Hannah Nicholson for Woodbury. with whom the meeting unites and appoints them to that service

The friends appointed to make the needful inquiry respecting John Valentine and family having a certificate report they find nothing to hinder Men friends produced one which was read approved and signed.

Our beloved friend Miriam H Hough a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from New Garden (no) Meeting dated 3rd mo 17th 1860.

Men friends produced a returning minute for Miriam H Hough which was read approved & signed

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 5th mo. 24th 1860.

The 1st, 2d, and 8th queries have been read in this meeting with written answers thereto from the Preparatives from which a summary was taken and directed to the ensueing quarterly meeting by Anna M. Flan Rebecca Bunker, Hesiah Commons and Eulielma Clark whom we appoint as representatives to attend thereto and report their care and attendance to next meeting.

$ 2,15 has been raised to aid the committee on African concerns which is directed to the Dist. Meeting in care of the representatives.

Our beloved friend David Satum a minister acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Bridgeport Monthly Meeting of ~~Women~~ Friends Marion County Indiana dated 2d mo. 9th 1860 accepting an agency of the American ~~and~~ foreign and Christian Union and soliciting aid within the limits of Western

and Indiana Yearly Meetings for the spread of the Gospel truth through the circulation of the Scriptures and missionary labors among the Catholic population of our own and foreign countries

Received a certificate for Hannah Lawrence ~~dated from~~ Spiceland Mo. Meeting dated 4th mo. 25th 1860.

The overseers of Woodbury inform that Eliza Ann Barton has neglected the attendance of our religious meetings and joined another religious society. Also Mary Ann Barton has neglected the attendance of our religious meetings. Elizabeth Clark and Rachel Baldwin are appointed to visit them on that account and report the result of their labor to next meeting.

Caroline E Johnson requests her right of membership removed to West Union Mo Meeting. Eliza Negus and Casandria M. Weeks are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if no obstruction appears prepare and produce one to next mtg

The meeting concludes—

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 6th mo. 21st 1860

One of the friends appointed to attended the Quarterly meeting as representatives reports they all attended.

The friends appointed to visit Elija Ann and Mary Ann Barton on account of their deviations report they have had an opportunity with them but they did not manifest any disposition to retain their rights. After deliberating thereon it is the united judgment of this and mens meeting that they should be testified against. Catharine Hunt and Hesiah Commond are appointed to inform them the judgment of the meeting in their case and report to next meeting

The friends appointed to make the needful inquiry respecting Caroline E Johnson having a certificate produced one which was read approved and signed

The following report from the School committee has been read which is

satisfactory, Jane Hampton Margaret Baldwin Catharine Hunt. Eliza Negus and Casandria M. Weeks are appointed in conjunction with men friends to bring forward to next meeting, if way opens, names of suitable friends to constitute a like committee to have the care and oversight of schools the ensueing year. *

Rachel Hampton Abigail Kendall, Rachel Baldwin and Leah Weesner are appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks. and if way opens bring forward to next meeting names of suitable friends to serve in that place.

Eliza Negus Hesiah Commons, Anna M Votaw and Matilda Hubbard are appointed to assist the clerks in revising and recording the minutes of this meeting and report when complied with

* Report

The meeting concludes

We the committee appointed to have the oversight of our Mo. Meeting school have attended to the object of our appt.m - have visited the school now in session at Chester which appears to be conducted to good satisfaction & is the only school we have had since our last report, Signed on behalf of the committee

Joshua Jeffers is
Matilda Hubbard

6th Mo 21st 1860

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 7th mo 19th 1866

The friends appointed to inform Eliza Ann and Mary Ann Barton the judgment of the meeting in their case report attended to.

A testimony of disownment has been produced to this from mens meeting for Eliza Ann Barton - also one for Mary Ann Barton, both of which have been read approved and signed, Jemima Clark and Martha Stratton are appointed to offer them copies thereof, inform them of their privilege of an appeal and report to next meeting.

The friends appointed to bring forward names to constitute an Educational committee produce the following, viz: Israel Woodruff, Isaac Votaw, Jacob D Hampton Anna M. Votaw, Matilda Hubbard and Margaret Hampton with whom the meeting unites and appoints them to the service

The friends appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks, report they have conferred together and were united in proposing Sarah Ann Hampton for clerk and Rachel Jefferis for assistant with whom the meeting unites and reappoints them to that service.

A testimony of disownment has been produced to this from mens meeting for John N Cox, which was read and signed by direction.

revised this far

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 8th Mo 23rd 1860

All the queries have been read in this meeting ~~in this meeting~~ with written answers thereto from the preparatives from which a summary was selected and directed to the ensueing qt. meeting by Eliza Negus Matilda Hubbard, Rachel Hampton and Elizabeth Lewelling whom we appoint as representatives to attend thereto and report their care and attendance to next meeting

Testimony of disownment

Eliza Ann Barton who has had a right of membership in ~~our religious~~ the society of Friends has neglected the attendance of our religious meetings and joined another religious society for which she has been treated with without the desired effect We therefore disown her from being a member with us.

Signed in and by direction of Chester Monthly meeting of friends held 19th of 9th mo 1860

Israel Woodruff
Sarah Ann Hampton } Clerks

Mary Ann Barton who has had a right of membership in the society of Friends has neglected the attendance of our religious meetings for which she has been treated with without the desired effect We therefore disown her from being a member with us.

Signed in and by direction of Chester Monthly Meeting of Friends held 19th of 9th mo 1860

Israel Woodruff
Sarah Ann Hampton } Clerks

We forward by the representatives $1.63
to aid the committee on Indian concerns
and $1.07 for Y. Meeting stock.

Our beloved friend Eli Jessup a minister
in the course of a religious visit acceptably
attended this meeting producing a minute
of unity and concurrence from Honey creek
Mo. Meeting Iowa dated 4th Mo. 24th 1860
and endorsed by Bangor yt. Meeting held
8th Mo 16th 1860.

The friends appointed to offer Eliza Ann
and Mary Ann Barton copies of their
testifications report it has been attended to.

Received a communication from White
Water Mo. Meeting informing us they had
received our certificate for John Valentine
dated 5th Mo 23d 1860
and family dated 4th Mo 18 1860.

One of the friends appointed to assist
the clerks in revising and recording
the minutes of this meeting report complied
with.

Jemima Clark requests a certificate for herself and family to New Garden Mo. Meeting Rachel Jefferis & Abigail Kendall are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if no obstruction appears inform their friends and report to next meeting.

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 9th mo. 20th 1860

The friends appointed to attend the Qr. meeting as representatives report they all attended

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Jemima Clark and family having a certificate report they find nothing to hinder their friends produced one which was read approved and signed

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Frds held 10th mo 25th 1860

Our beloved friend Hannah B. Latum a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Bridgeport Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd mo 9th 1850. and indorsed by Plainfield Quarterly Meeting held 3rd mo. 13th 1850. Also Phebe G. Taylor an elder and companion to Hannah B. Latum producing a minute of unity from West Union Mo. Meeting of friends held 3rd mo 13th 1850.

Received a communication from White Water Set. Meeting informing they had granted our request in regard to discontinuing this meeting on First day during the week of our Yearly Meeting - dated 9th mo. 1st 1850.

Union friends produced returning minutes for friends now in attendance with us which were read approved and signed.

The meeting now concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 11th mo. 22nd 1860.

The clerk being absent Rachel Jefferis is appointed clerk for the day.

Martha Stratton, Margarret Kimpton, Mary Simmons and Abigail Kendall are appointed as representatives to attend the ensuing quarterly meeting, and report their care and attendance to next meeting.

The meeting concluded.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 12th mo. 20th 1860.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting as representatives report they all attended.

Extracts from our late yearly meeting have been read in this, also Epistles from London & Dublin all of which contained much good advice and were read to our satisfaction.

The meeting concluded.

Chester Mo. Meeting of Women Friends held 1st Mo. 24th 1861

William Wright and wife jointly request their certificates removed to White River Monthly Meeting. Abigail Kendall and Anna K. Dolab are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if no obstruction appears inform men friends and report to next meeting.

The London General epistle has been read in this meeting — also one from New England. both of which were instructive and edifying.

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends. held 2nd Mo. 2[illegible] 1861

The 1st, 2nd, and 8th queries have been read in this meeting with written answers from the preparatives from which a summary was selected and directed to the ensueing qt. meeting by Sarah A. Hampton, Rachel Baldwin, Elizabeth Kendall & Matilda Hubbard, whom we appoint as representatives to attend thereto & report their care & attendance to next meeting.

We forward by the representatives $1,30. for the use of the Africans.

The friends appointed to make the needful inquiry respecting William J. Wright and wife having a certificate report attended to men friends produced one which was read approved and signed.

Epistles from New York. Baltimore and North Carolina have been read at this time which were satisfactory

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 3rd mo. 21st 1861

The friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as representatives report that but two attended.

Our beloved friend Rachel Bundy a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Hopewell Monthly Meeting dated 2nd mo 16th 1861. Also Lydia B. Stacy an elder, and companion to Rachel Bundy producing a minute of unity from a committee appointed

by Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 2d/mo 1861.

An Epistle from Ohio and two from Western Yearly Meeting have been read at this time which were satisfactory— The meeting concludes—

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 4th/mo. 25th 1861—

The overseers of Chester preparative inform that Jane Baily (formerly Weeks) has accomplished her marriage contrary to discipline Deah Wesner and Rachel Baldwin are appointed to visit her on that account, and report the result of their care to next meeting

The following report from the committee appointed to have charge of first day scripture schools the past year has been read which is satisfactory, and the same committee is continued with the addition of Mary Snipes in place of Eliza Negus who is about to remove.

Report,

We the committee appointed to ~~care of~~ have care of the first day scripture school at Chester

have attended to our appointment. School was opened the first-first-day in the 5th Mouth which continued near five months to good satisfaction. Number of scholars 45- Number of teachers 6. We believe further care bestowed in this way would be profitable.

On behalf of the committee

Jacob D. Hampton
Anna M. Votaw

Ruth Hailley. a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Dover Mo. Meeting Dated 2nd Mo 20th 1861 Also Lydia Bond an elder and companion to Ruth Haisley producing a minute of unity from a committee appointed by Dover Mo Meeting dated 2nd Mo. 20th 1861.

Received a certificate for Elizabeth C Bunch from Greenwood Mo Meeting dated 3rd Mo 30th 1861

Received a certificate for Isaiah Branson and Sarah his wife- and their minor son Jacob from White Water Mo meeting dated 4th Mo. 24th 1861

Anna Harris requests her right of member=
=ship removed to New Garden Monthly
Meeting. Anna Mc Votaw and Rachel
Jefferis are appointed to make the needful
inquiry and if no obstruction appears prepare
and produce to next meeting.

The meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Frds
held 5th Mo. 9th 1861

The 1st 2d and 8th queries have been read
in this meeting with written answers thereto
from the preparatives from which a summary has
been selected and directed to the ensuing qt=
=meeting by Rachel Baldwin Hesiah Commons
and Mary Knipes whom we appoint as represen=
=tatives to attend thereto and report their care
and attendance to next meeting

The friends appointed to visit Jane Baily
on account of her deviation report they have paid
her a visit to good satisfaction and she appeared
very desirous to retain her right. This meeting
is therefore free she should retain her right
amongst us. Margaret Hampton and Anna

Mc Votaw are appointed to inform her thereof and report to next meeting

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Anna Harris having a certificate produced one which was read approved and signed

We forward by the representatives $ 1.70 for the Indians and $ 1.30 for W. Mtg stock

Mary Snipes Elizabeth Bunch. Rachel Hampton and Casandria Wicks are appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks and if way opens produce to next meeting name of suitable friends to serve in that place

Our beloved friend Calvin Wasson a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Plainfield Mc Meeting of Friends dated 4th Mo 3d 1861 Also John Atkinson companion to Calvin Wasson producing a minute of unity ~~and concurrence~~ from Plainfield Mc Meeting dated 4th Mo 3d 1861

Leah Wessner Mary Commons. Rachel Jefferis. Margaret Hampton and Anna Mc Votan are appointed in conjunction with men friends to visit a part or all the families of Chester Mo Meeting for their help and encouragement and report when men friends do—

Rachel Baldwin, Abigail Kendall Matilda Hibbard and Leah Wessner are appointed to consider the propriety of a change in overseers for Chester, and bring forward to next meeting the names of suitable friends to serve in that place

The meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 6th mo 26th 1861

The friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended

The friends appointed to ~~inform~~ Jane Baily the judgement of the meeting in her case report attended to

The friends appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks ~~inform~~ report they have paid some attention to the subject but are no ready to

report— they are therefore continued to report to next meeting

The friends appointed to consider the propriety of a change in overseers inform they have paid some attention to the subject but are not ready to report— The same friends are continued to report to next meeting—

Abigail Kendall. Mary Snipes. Rachel Baldwin and Anna M. Wolaw are appointed to assist the clerks in revising and recording the minutes of this meeting. and report when complied with

A report from the committee appointed at last meeting to visit a part or all the families of Chester Monthly Meeting has been read which is satisfactory to the meeting

An Epistle of ~~caution and advice~~ counsel and caution issued from the meeting for sufferings of Indiana Yearly meeting has been read in this which is satisfactory to

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 7th mo 25th 1861

The friends continued in case of overseers report they have conferred together and were united in proposing the names of Abigail Kendall and Rachel Jefferis with whom the meeting unites and appoints to that service

The friends continued in case of clerks report they have conferred together and were united in proposing the names of Anna M. Votaw for clerk and Hannah Lawrence for assistant with whom the meeting unites and appoints them to that service

Mahlon Johnson and Sarah Ann Hampton informed this meeting in writing that they intend marriage with each other. Anna M. Votaw and Matilda Hubbard are appointed to inquire into her clearness of similar engagements with others and report to next meeting

An Epistle from London Yearly Meeting has been read in this which was satisfactory

The meeting concludes

Sarah Ann Hampton } Clerk

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 8th Mo. 22nd 1861

All the Queries were read in this meeting and answered in writing from each preparative from which a summary was selected and directed to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by Lucy Amanda Baily Hannah H Lewelling Lizzy Kendall and Anna M Boland, whom we appoint our representatives to attend there with, and report of their care to next meeting.

The Friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Sarah Ann Hampton Clerk of marriage engagements with others report they find nothing to hinder, they having consent of parents are left at liberty to accomplish their intentions according to our discipline

Anna M Boland and Elah Weems are appoint

-ed to attend the marriage and entertainment
see that good order be observed and report to
next meeting

By a communication received
from a committee appointed by White Water
Monthly Meeting of Women Friends we are in
=formed that Mary Little has made application
to be reunited to Friends, this and mens
meeting are united in leaving it to their
judgment to grant her request Margaret Hampton
and Rachel Jeffris are appointed to give them
information thereof and report of their care to
next meeting

Our Beloved Friend Nathan Pike
a minister acceptably attended this meeting
and produced a minute of unity and concur
=rence from New Garden Monthly Meeting of
Friends dated 8th mo 17th 1761

Also our beloved friend Luke Woodard
acceptably attended this meeting as companion
to our friend Nathan Pike producing a
minute of unity and concurrence from the
same place bearing the same date

The meeting Concluded

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 9th mo 19th 1861

The clerk being absent Rachel Jefferis is appointed clerk for the day.

Those appointed to attend the Quarterly as representatives report they all attended except one.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage and entertainment of Mahlon Johnson and Sarah Ann Hampton, report they thought it orderly accomplished.

Those appointed to inform White Water Monthly Meeting, our judgment in Mary Little's case, report it has been attended to

Uriah Ballard jr and Emeline Crampton informed at this meeting in writing, that they having had consent of parents, intend marriage with each other. Margaret Hampton and Leah Wesner are appointed to enquire into her clearness of like engagements with others and report to next meeting.

The meeting concludes — revised this far —

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 10th Month 24th 1861.

The Friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Emeline Hamptons clearness of marriage engagements with others, report they find nothing to hinder, and they having consent of parents are therefore left at liberty to accomplish their intentions according to our discipline Margaret Hampton and Ideh Weesner are appointed to attend the marriage and entertainment, see that good order be observed and report to next meeting

"Woodbury Preparative meeting informs there is a complaint against Malvina Blower formerly Commons, for neglecting the attendance of our religious meetings and accomplishing her marriage contrary to discipline" Ideh Weesner and Matilda Hubbard are appointed to visit her on those accounts and report of their care to next meeting

One of the Friends appointed to assist the clerk in perusing & recording the minutes

of this meeting reports complied with

Our Beloved Friend Jesse B Williams in the course of a religious visit accept-ably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Spring field Mo Meeting dated 8th mo 17th 1861

Also our Friend George Nicholson accep-tably attended this meeting as companion for Jesse B Williams producing a minute of unity and concurrence from the same place bearing the same date

Joseph Negus requests a certificate for himself and family to Green Plain Monthly meeting Margaret Hampton and Abigail Kendall are appointed to make the needful enquiry and if no obstruction appears inform men Friends and report to next meeting

James Bunch requests a certificate for himself and wife to Red Cedar Monthly meeting Iowa Rachel Baldwin and Rejiah Commons are appointed to make the necessary enquiry and if no

obstructions appears informs men Friends and report to next meeting

Jimmi Whinery sen and Rachel M Hampton inform this meeting in writing that they intend marriage with each other Jesse Weaver and Sarah Ament are appointed to inquire into her clearness of similar engagements with others and report to next meeting

The meeting Concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 11th mo - 21st 1861.

The Friends appointed to attend the marriage and entertainment of Uriah Ballard and Emeline Crampton report it was orderly accomplished.

The Friends appointed to visit Malvina Blower on account of her declining report they have attended thereto, and she has no wish to retain her right; this and men's

meeting have come to the judgment to testify against her. Anna M Votaw and Leah Weesner are appointed to prepare a testimony against her and report to next meeting

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Joseph Negus and family having a certificate report they find nothing to hinder men friends produced one which was read approved and signed

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting James Bunch and wife having a certificate not being ready to report are continued to the same service and to report to next meeting

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Rachel M Hamptons clearness of marriage engagements with others report they find nothing to hinder, Leah Weesner and Sarah Ament are appointed to attend the marriage and entertainment see that good order be observed and report to next meeting

Mary Commons Rebecca Bunker Sarah J Branson and Mary Snipes are appointed ~~are appointed~~ to attend our ensuing Quarterly Meeting as Representatives and report to next meeting.

The Meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 12th Mo 19th 1861

The Friends appointed to prepare a testimony of disownment against Malvina Bloor produced one which was read approved and signed Margaret Hampton and Matilda Hubbard are appointed to offer her a copy thereof, informing her of her privilege to appeal and report to next meeting.

The Friends continued at last meeting to make inquiry respecting James Bunker and wife having a certificate, not being ready to report are continued to the same services and to report when complied with.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Jesse Thomas and Rachel

M Hampton report it was orderly accom-
=plished

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting as representatives report they all attended

A certificate was received for Mahlon Johnson from West Union Monthly Meeting of Friends dated 11th mo 6th 1861

The Extracts from the minutes of our late Yearly meeting have been read, also a minute on the state of Society, together with the London General Epistle, the good advice therein contained has been strengthening and satisfactory

Lewis Samms ~~[illegible]~~ requests ~~[illegible]~~ his right of membership to be removed to New Garden Cassandria Weeks and Abigail Kendall are appointed to make inquiry and if no obstruction appears in-form men friends and report to next meeting

Abigail Kendall Mary Commons Leah Weesner and Margaret Hampton are appointed to join a similar committee

of men friends to have the care and oversight of the poor.

The Meeting concludes—

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 1st mo 23rd 1862

The friends appointed to offer Malvina Blooce a copy of her testification report—it has been attended too.

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Lewis Samms and daughter having a certificate report they find nothing to hinder, men friends produced one which was read approved and signed.

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting James Bunch and wife having a certificate report they find nothing to hinder men friends produced one which was read approved and signed—

Epistles from London and Dublin Yearly Meetings have been read in this which were satisfactory

The committee on education makes the following report, which was satisfactory Abigail Kendall, Sarah Arment Matilda Hubbard Sarah Ann Johnson and Keziah Commons are appointed to bring forward to next meeting names of suitable friends to serve as committee the ensuing year to have the care of schools and also to forward [illegible] Book and Tract [illegible] Report on education

We the committee appointed on the subject of ~~School~~ Education and schools, report that we have attended to the object of our appointment, have visited the schools taught within our limits, the past year as occasion seemed to require, to pretty good satisfaction, signed on behalf of the Committee

Isaac Votan
Matilda Hubbard

The Meeting concludes

[illegible] of women friends held 2[illegible] 2[illegible] 1862
The clerk being absent Rachel Jefferis ~~was~~ is appointed clerk for the day.

The 1st 2nd and 8th Queries were read in this meeting & answered in writing from each Preparative from which a summary was ~~tab~~ selected and directed to be forwarded to the ensueing Quarterly meeting by Keziah Commons Sarah G. Branson Abigail Kendall and Rachel Jefferis whom we appoint as our representatives to attend therewith and report ~~there~~ to next meeting.

The friends appointed to bring forward names to constitute a committee on education report the following with which this meeting unites and appoints to that service viz: Isaac Votaw Isaiah Branson Jacob D. Hampton Margaret Hampton Matilda Hubbard and Anna M. Votaw.

Report of the book & tract committee

We have endeavored to attend to the object of our appointment we have distributed about 300 tracts during the past year mostly among those not in membership with us we have ~~yet~~ near 100 yet remaining on hand ——— { Isaac Votaw
} Clerk

The committee forwarded the following names for book & tract committee with which this meeting unites and appoints to that service

Viz Isaac Commons for 3 years } Keziah Comons for 3 years
Thomas C Strawbrige " 2 " } Elizabeth Clark " 2 " "
Maklon Johnson " 1 " } Sarah Ann Johnson " 1 " "

Chester Preparative meeting informs that Sarah Robins (formerly Hubbard) has accomplished her marriage contrary to our Dicipline (she now resides within the limits of Pipe Creek Mo. meeting.) Rachel Jefferis & Abigail Kendall are appointed to write to that meeting requesting them to treat with her therefor on our behalf and report to next meeting.

Emeline C Ballard requests her right of membership removed to West Union Monthly meeting Rachel Baldwin & Abigail Kendall are appointed to make the needful inquiries if no obstruction appears prepare and produce one to next meeting.

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of women friends held 3rd mo 20th 1862

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as

representatives report they all attended

The friends appointed to visit to Pipe Creek Mo meeting on behalf of Sarah Robbins report it has been attended to

The friends appointed to ~~visit to~~ make inquiry respecting Eunice C Ballard having a certificate, report they find nothing to hinder, and having perused one it was read approved and signed

The following report from the committee having the care of first-day Scripture Schools the past-year was read which was satisfactory, Margaret Hampton Rebecca Bunker Elisabeth Clark and Anna M Colvin are appointed in conjunction with men friends, to bring forward names to next-meeting to constitute a committee the ensuing year —

Report

We the Committee appointed to have the care and oversight of Scripture Schools

have attended to the object of our appointment.

The School was opened the first-first-day in the 3rd month and continued four months and a half with an average attendance of about 28 scholars, whose general deportment was satisfactory.

Signed On behalf of the Committee

Jacob D Hampton
Anna M Pickard

Rachel M Whinnery requests her certificate removed to Center Mo Meeting Ohio Abigail Kendall and Margaret Hampton are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and if no obstruction appears prepare and produce one to next meeting.

The Meeting Concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 4th mo 24th 1862

The friends appointed to bring forward

names to constitute a First-day Scripture
School the present year, propose the following
Committee
Namely

Joshua Jeffris
Isaiah Branson
James Weeks
Isaac Votaw
Jacob D Hampton
Elisabeth Clark
Rachel Jeffris
Anna M Votaw
Rebecca Bunker
Sarah Ann Johnson —

with whom the meeting unites and appoints to that service.

The Friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Rachel M Whinnery having a certificate reported it has been attended to, and having produced one it was read approved and signed

Chester Preparative Meeting informs that Esther Thatcher requests for herself and Minor daughter Lizzie Ellen to be joined in membership with Friends Rachel Baldwin and Leah Wistar are

appointed to pay her a visit on that account, and report of their care to next meeting

Our Beloved Friend Miles Mendenhall a minister acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Springfield Monthly Meeting dated 3rd mo 12th 1862.

A Certificate was received for Lydia Kond and her minor children Mary William Susan and Esther from White Water Mo Meeting dated 3rd mo 26th 1862

Also one for Enos P Baldwin and Martha his wife with their minor children William H John Howard and Horace M from White Water Mo meeting dated 3rd mo 26th 1862

Received a Certificate for Susannah Ivey from White River Mo Meeting dated 6th of 4th month 1862

Margary Harris signed a certificate for herself and three minor children to be prepared for

Poplar Run Monthly Meeting Mary Commons and Rebecca Bunker are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and if no obstruction appears, ~~produce~~ ~~[illegible]~~ to next meeting

Received a communication from Pipe Creek Mo meeting of women friends, informing they had treated with Sarah Robbins at our request, and that she seemed very desirous to retain her right, which this meeting is free to grant, Margaret Hampton and Sarah Ann Johnson are appointed to prepare and produce to next meeting a certificate of her right of membership, to forward to that meeting

The Meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 5th mo 22nd 1862

The 1st 2nd & 8th Queries were read in this meeting and answered in writing from each preparative from which a summary was selected and directed to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting

by Matilda Hulbard Sarah G Branson
Mary Nicholson and Hannah Laurence
whom we appoint our representatives to attend
therewith and report of their care to next
meeting

"The friends appointed to visit
Esther Strawbridge on account of her request
report they have attended thereto to good
satisfaction, and this and men's meeting
are united in granting her request. Elizabeth
Clark is appointed to inquire her thereof and report to
next meeting

"The friends appointed to make
inquiry respecting Margary Harris and her
three minor Children having a certificate
produced one which was read approved
and signed

"The friends appointed for that
purpose produced a certificate for Sarah
Robbins which was read approved and signed

Mary Snipes requests a certificate for herself and daughter
Hannah Ann ~~a certificate~~ to Plainfield Monthly
Meeting Rachel Baldwin and Anna M Botaw
are appointed to make the necessary inquiry

and if no obstruction appears prepare and pro-
duce one to next meeting

Susannah Vore requests
her right of membership removed to New Garden.
Martha Stratton and Abigail Kendall are
appointed to make the necessary inquiry and
if no obstruction appears prepare and produce
one to next meeting

Epistles from New England
and New York Yearly meetings have been read
in this to our satisfaction.

Margaret Hampton
Nejiah Commons Abigail Kendall and Sarah
G Branson are appointed to consider the pro-
priety of a change in clerks and if way shall
open bring forward names of suitable friends to
serve in that place and report to next meeting

The meeting Concludes

Chester Monthly meeting of Women Friends
held 6th mo 19th 1862

One of the friends appointed to attend the

Quarterly Meeting as representatives reports they all attended

The friend appointed to inform Esther Stanbridge the judgment of the meeting in her case reports complied with

The Friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Mary Snipes and her daughter Hannah Ann having a certificate produced one which was read approved and signed

Those appointed to make inquiry respecting Susannah Vore having a certificate produced one which was read approved and signed

The Friends appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks report they have conferred, and are united in proposing Anna M Cattell for clerk, and Hannah Laurance for assistant with whom the meeting unites and reappoints them to that service

Rachel Jeffris Margaret Hampton Rachel Baldwin and Abigail Kendall are appointed to assist the clerks in perusing

and recording the minutes of this meeting and report when complied with

Epistles from Baltimore and Ohio Yearly Meetings have been read in this which were satisfactory

The Meeting then Concluded

revised thus far)

Chester Monthly meeting of women Friends held 7th mo 24th 1862

Our Beloved friend Miriam H Hough, a minister acceptably attended this meeting, producing a minute of unity and concurrence from New Garden Monthly meeting dated 7th mo 19th 1862 —

One of the Friends appointed to revise and record the minutes of this meeting report complied with,

An Epistle from Western Yearly Meeting has been read in this to our satisfaction

The Meeting Concludes —

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 8th mo 21st 1862.

All the Queries have been read in this meeting with written answers thereto from each preparative, from which a summary has been taken and directed to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by Lydia Bond Sarah Ann Johnson Margaret Hampton and Matilda Hubbard whom we appoint our representatives to attend therewith, and to report of their care and attendance to next meeting.

The sum of 1.00 has been raised for the use of the African Committee, Also 73 cts for the Indians, and 60 cts for Yearly Meeting stock, which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by the representatives;

Chester Preparative Meeting informs that Eliza Ann Duke formerly Crampton has accomplished her marriage contrary to discipline, Leah Weesner and Matilda

Hubbard are appointed to visit her on that account and report of their care to next meeting.

A testimony of disownment against Edward Stratton was produced from men's meeting, which was read and signed

The meeting concluded;

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 1st mo 28th 1862

The clerk being absent, Sarah Ann Johnson was appointed for the day.

The friends appointed to attend the qt. meeting as representatives report they all attended

The friends appointed to visit Eliza Ann Duke on account of her deviation, report they have had an opportunity with her to good satisfaction, and she seemed desirous of retaining her right. ~~After a time of deliberation thereon~~ This and mens meeting are ~~united in~~ therefore

free she should retain her right amongst us
Rachel Baldwin and Lydia Bond are
appointed to inform her thereof and report to
next meeting.

Received a communication from Centre
Mo. Meeting acknowledging the reception of
our certificate for Rachel M. Whinery dated
14th of 5th Mo. 1862.

Received a communication from Pipe Creek
Mo. Meeting acknowledging the reception of
our certificate for Sarah Robins dated
7th Mo. 3th 1862. Also one for Merrick
C. Weeks from N. Garden dated. 6th Mo 21st
1862 - and one for Susannah Dove from
the same place, dated 7th Mo. 19th 1862

The meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 10th Mo. 23rd 1862,

The Clerk not being present, Sarah
Ann Thomson is appointed for the day.

Our beloved friend Asenath Clark, a
Minister, acceptably attended this Meeting, producing

a minute of unity and concurrence from Greenwood Monthly Meeting, dated 10th mo 1st 1862.

Also, Anna M. Pennington, an elder and companion to Asenath Clark, acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity from Westfield Monthly Meeting dated 10th mo 2nd 1862.

The friends appointed to inform Eliza Ann Duke the judgment of the meeting in her case, report, it has been attended to.

The meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 11th mo 20th 1862.

Mary Connor's Margaret Hampton Lydia Bond and Sarah G Branson are appointed to attend the ensuing Quarterly Meeting as our representatives, and report of their care and attendance to next meeting

Our beloved friend Hardcan W. Painter a minister in the course of a religious visit

acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Wabash No Meeting of friends held 11th mo 8th 1862

Also one for Wm & Jones as companion to Mordecai W Painter from the same place bearing the same date.

Woodbury Reparative meeting requests the discontinuance of that meeting Leah Weeks Rachel Baldwin Lydia Jones Rachel Jefferis and Margaret Hampton are appointed to join a similar committee from mens meeting to consider the propriety thereof and report to next meeting

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly meeting of women friends held 12th mo 25th 1862

The clerk being absent Rachel Jefferis is appointed clerk for the day

The Friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended

The joint committee appointed to visit Woodberry in account of their request report not attended to the same friends are continued to the service and report when such friends do.

Chester preparative meeting informs that Hannah Clark has ~~wilfully~~ neglected the attendance of our religious meetings and been present at the marriage of one of our members which was accomplished contrary to Discipline Lydia Kind Sarah G. Branson and Rachel Baldwin are appointed to visit her on that account and report the result of their care to next meeting.

Our beloved friend Nathan Pike acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Newgarden Monthly Meeting of Friends dated 12th Mo 20th 1862 expressing a religious concern to visit the families belonging to Chester monthly meeting with which this meeting unites.

Also our beloved friends Francis Thomas and John Knight companions to our above named friend acceptably attended this meeting producing minutes of unity and concurrence the former from same meeting bearing same date & the latter from

Deer Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th Mo 24th 1862.

A part of the Whitewater branch of the general committee on Education attended this meeting whose labor and advice were acceptable.

By an extract from our late quarterly meeting we are requested to solicit aid for the destitute Africans now escaping from bondage we therefore appoint Elizabeth Kendall Lucy Amanda Bailey and Gerlaelma Clark for that service.

The meeting concluded.

Chester Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 1st mo 2nd 1863

The clerk not being present Sarah Ann Johnson is appointed for the day.

The committee appointed to visit Woodbury on account of their request now make the following report which is satisfactory to the meeting. Deak Weesner Sarah G Branson Rachel Baldwin Abigail Kendall and Rachel Jefferis are appointed in conjunction with men friends

to visit their meeting occasionally for their help and encouragement. and to report in the 4th Mo. nett.

Report

We the committe appointed to visit Woodbury preparative meeting in consequence of their request, most of us have attended to the object of our appointment, and are united in proposing to the Monthly Meeting that that meeting be continued, and that a few friends be set apart out of the Monthly Meeting by appointment or otherwise to attend said meeting from time to time as way may open for it, for their help and encouragement.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Joshua Jefferis

Rachel Baldwin

The friends appointed for the purpose of soliciting aid for the Africans now escaping from bondage report they have sent a consiederable quantity of clothing and bedding - also a small amount of money

The committee appointed to visit Hannah Clark on account of her deviations report they have paid some attention ~~to the~~

thereto but are not ready to make a full report. They are therefore continued to report to next meeting.

The Extracts from our late Yearly Meeting have been read in this also the London General Epistle and one from London Yearly Meeting all of which are satisfactory and encouraging. The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 3nd mo, 19th 1863—

The clerk being absent Sarah Ann Johnson is appointed for the day.

The 1st, 2nd and 8th queries have been read in this meeting with written answers thereto from the preparatives from which a summary was taken and directed to the ensueing quarterly meeting by Eubelma Clark. Elizabeth Kendall Lucy Amarilla Baily and Sarah F. Branson whom we appoint as representatives to attend thereto & report their care and attendance to next meeting.

The committee continued to visit Hannah Clark on account of her deviations report they have

visited her and she seemed desirous to retain her right - but the meeting not yet feeling ready to give its judgement, it is suggested that the same committee with the addition of Isaac Wesner be continued to extend still further care if way opens for it, & report to next meeting

Rachel Jefferis requests to be released from serving this meeting as overseer. Isaac Wesner, Elizabeth Clark and Margaret Hampton are appointed to consider the propriety of a change in overseers and if way opens ~~to~~ propose to next meeting names of suitable friends to serve in that place

A testimony of disownment for Ebenezer Heath has been produced to this from mens meeting which has been read and signed by direction

Epistles from N. England. Dublin & N. York have been read in this meeting & the encouraging counsel contained therein has been satisfactory

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of women friends
held 3rd Mo 19th 1863

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting as representatives report they all attended.

The committee continued to extend further care in Hannah Clark's case, not being ready to report, are still continued to extend further care, and report in 5th mo next.

The friends appointed to consider the propriety of a change in overseers, propose the name of Rachel Baldwin to serve in place of Rachel Jeffers, and of reappointing Abigail Hendall to the same service, with whom the meeting unites and appoints them accordingly.

The following report from the committee showing the care and oversight of first day Scripture Schools has been read which was satisfactory. Lydia Bond Abigail Hendall Sarah Armont and Sarah G Branson are

appointed in conjunction with men friends to bring forward to next meeting names of friends to constitute a committee the ensuing summer.

Report -

We the committee appointed to have the care and oversight of the Scripture school at at Chester herewith submit our report —

School was opened the first first day in the 3rd mo last year and continued 17 weeks with an average attendance of 42 scholars about one half of which were friends, and nearly all were steady in their attendance and made satisfactory improvement, the scholars were orderly and conducted themselves to the satisfaction of the committee.

Signed on behalf of the committee

Jacob S Hampton
Anna M Cotan

Epistles from Baltimore and Ohio yearly Meetings were read, in this which were

Satisfactory and edifying

The meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly meeting of women friends held 4th mo 23rd 1863

The friends appointed to bring forward names to constitute a first day Scripture School committee the ensuing summer propose the following with whom the meeting unites and appoints to that service viz

Isaiah Branson	Lydia Bond
Isaac Cotaw	Anna M Cotaw
Enos P Baldwin	Martha Baldwin
Jacob F Hampton	Sarah G Branson
Stephen Williams	"Hezekiah Commons"
Isaac Commons jun	Mary Williams

A certificate for James R Osborn and Esther his wife from Salem Mo M Iowa dated 3rd mo 18th 1863, was read and accepted Lydia Bond & Abigail Kendall are appointed in conjunction with men friends to pay

them a visit for their help and encouragement
and report to next meeting

The friends continued to visit Woodbury meeting
on account of their request, now report, they have
attended to their appointment, and
are united in judgment that farther care from
this meeting might be best, they are therefore con-
=tinued to the same service and are to report
in the 7th mo next

By an Extract received from
Phila [illegible] Quarterly meeting friends are desired
to continue their attention towards supplying the
wants of those now being freed from slavery.
Martha Stratton, Martha Baldwin, Lucy Amanda
Davis and Sarah Ann Johnson are appointed
to receive contributions in their behalf and
report the value of what may be received
to next meeting.

A part of the Committee appointed to visit
Woodbury meeting have attended this, their
company and services have been acceptable

The meeting concluded

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
[illegible] 4th mo Apl 1863

The first, second and eighth queries were read in this meeting with written answers thereto from each preparative from which a summary was selected and directed to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by Mary Cummins Sarah Ann Johnson Leah Weesner and Rachel Baldwin whom are appo'd as representatives to attend there with and report to next meeting

The friends appointed to visit [illegible] Osborn and wife on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] report it has been attended to

Mary Cummins requests to be released from serving this meeting as overseer Elizabeth Clark Mary Williams Abigail Kendall and Lerni Weesner are appointed to consider the propriety of a change and if way should open propose to next meeting the name of a suitable friend to serve in her place

A report from the committee on Education

has been read, which is satisfactory, the same friends are continued and to report in 3rd mo next.

The friends continued to extend further care in Hannah Clarks case report they still think ~~[illegible]~~ more care necessary Mary Commons and Matilda Hubbard are appointed to visit her and report when complied with

A testification against Elwood Clark has been read in this meeting and signed by direction

Rachel Baldwin Cassandra Weeks Rachel Jefferis and Kiziah Commons are appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks and it may should open bring forward names of suitable friends to serve in that place and report to next meeting

The meeting concludes

Chester, Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 6th mo 26th 1863

One of the Friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting as representatives reports they all attended.

The Friends appointed to consider the propriety of a change in overseers not being ready to report, the same are continued to that service and report to next meeting

The Friends appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks report they have conferred together and are united in proposing the name of Sarah Jane Johnson for clerk and Martha Baldwin for assistant with whom the meeting unites and appoints to that service.

Lydia Bond Rachel Jeffris
Lucy Amanda Bailey and Gulielma Clark
are appointed to assist the clerks in revising and recording the minutes of this meeting

and report when complied with

An Epistle from Western Yearly Meeting has been read in this which was satisfactory

The Meeting concludes [illegible] this for and recorded

Chester Monthly meeting of women Friends held 7th mo 29th 1863

The friends continued at last meeting to consider the propriety of a change in overseers report they have attended thereto, and were united in continuing Hannah Nicholson to the service, and propose the name of Mary Williams in place of Mary Comsnions. but she not being present the subject is continued under care of the same committee to report when complied with

$1,20 has been raised for Yearly Meeting Stock which is directed to the quarterly meeting

The friends appointed to visit Hannah Clark report they have attended thereto but she manifested no disposition to retain her right, After deliberating thereon it is the united judgement of this and mens meeting that she be testified against Martha Hattan and Lucy Amanda Baily are appointed to inform her the judgement of the meeting in her case and report to next

The following report from the committee appointed to visit Woodbury has been read and united with, and is directed to the consideration of the quarterly meeting

Report

We the committee appointed to visit Woodbury preparative meeting have attended to the object of our appointment and are united in believing that the time has come for that meeting for discipline to be discontinued

Signed on behalf of the committee

Joshua Jefferis
Rachel B Baldwin

Lydia Bond, Gulielma Clark, Mary Commons Sarah Ann Johnson, and Elizabeth Clark are appointed in accordance with the directions of White Water quarterly meeting as a committee to solicit aid and receive contributions for the "freedmen" of the south and to report quarterly

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 8th Mo. 20th 1863

All the queries have been read in this meeting with written answers from the preparatives from which a summary was selected and directed to the ensuing quarterly meeting by Abigail Hendall Rachel Baldwin Anna M Votaw & Sarah J Branson whom we appoint as representatives to attend thereto & report to next meeting.

The friends appointed to inform Hannah Clark the judgement of the meeting in her case, report attended to, but no testification being produced the same friends are continued to prepare & produce one to next meeting

We forward to the Q. meeting by the Representatives
$ 1.80 for the Book & Tract committee

Silas Johnson and Lydia Bond inform this
meeting in writing that they intend marriage with
each other. Clarky Horn & Cassandria Weeks are
appointed to inquire into her clearness of similar
engagements with others and report to next mtg

This meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 9th mo 24th 1863

The clerk being absent - Anna M Votaw is
appointed for the day

The Friends appointed to attend the
Quarterly Meeting as representatives report they
all attended

A Testimony against Hannah
Clark was produced and read in this meeting
which was signed by direction, Martha Bal-
=dwin and Anna M Votaw are appointed
to offer her a copy thereof inform her of her

Privilege to appeal and report to next meeting

The Friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Lydia Bonds clearness of marriage engagements with others report they find nothing to hinder Sarah Branson and Leah Wessin are appointed to attend the marriage and entertainment, see that good order be observed and report to next meeting

Mary Williams now being present is united with in being appointed to the station of overseer

The Meeting Concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 10th Mo. 2nd 1863.

The friends appointed to offer Hannah Clark a copy of her testification report it has been attended to

The friends appointed to attend the marriage and entertainment of Silas Johnson and Lydia Bond report they attended thereto and thought it orderly accomplished

The friends appointed to assist the clerks in revising and recording the minutes of this meeting report it has been attended to.

James Osburn requests for himself & family a right of membership removed to Cherry Grove Mo. Meeting. Catharine Hunt and Mary Williams are appointed to make the needful inquiry, and if no obstruction appears inform men friends and report to next meeting.

Joseph Hubbard requests a certificate for himself and family removed to Honey Creek Mo Meeting — Margaret Hampton and Martha Baldwin are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if no obstruction appears inform men friends and report to next meeting

Lydia Johnson requests a certificate for herself and family removed to Cherry Grove Mo. Meeting. Sarah G. Branson & Julietta Clark are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if no obstruction appears inform men friends and report to next meeting.

The committee appointed at our last 1st Mo to visit Woodbury preparative & Chester Mo. Meeting to consider the propriety of discontinuing Woodbury preparative are now in attendance. Their company & labors are satisfactory

In accordance with a circular from the Yearly meeting, the following named friends are appointed to solicit aid for the freed men of the south in raising funds and procuring other contributions, to be forwarded to the Executive committee appointed by the Yearly meeting and to report to the quarterly meetings committee viz; Martha Baldwin Margaret Hampton. Sarah Ann Johnson Gilhelma Clark. Mary Commons & Elizabeth Clark

The meeting concludes

Chester. Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 11th Mo. 19th 1863.

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting James Ogburn & family having a certificate not being present have not reported, and men friends not being ready, the same committee is continued to extend further care and report to next meeting

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Joseph Hubbard and family having a certificate report they find nothing to hinder but men friends not being ready, the same are continued to report when men friends do,

The Friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Lydia Johnson & family having a certificate produced one which was read approved & signed

Martha H Strattan, Casandria Weeks. Rachel Jefferis and Mary Commons are appointed to attend the ensuing quarterly meeting as our representatives and report their care and attendance to next meeting.

Woodbury Preparative informs that Mary Bunnel (formerly Nicholson) has accomplished her marriage contrary to our discipline. Leah Hussner and Rachel Jefferis are appointed to visit her on that account and report the result of their labor to next meeting.

A certificate was received for Elizabeth E Woodruff from New Garden Monthly Meeting dated 9th mo. 19th 1863.

A certificate was produced for Emey Amanda Bailey to Honey Creek Mo. meeting which was read approved and signed.

The meeting concludes —

Chester Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 12th mo 2d 1863

The friends continued in regard to James Osborn and family having a certificate report it has been attended to. Men friends produced one which was read approved and signed.

The friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended.

The friends appointed to visit Mary Bunnel on account of her deviation report they have paid her a visit to good satisfaction and she seemed desirous to retain her right. After deliberating thereon this meeting is free to continue her as a member amongst us. Catharine Hunt is appointed to inform her thereof and report to next meeting.

Jane Bailey requests a certificate to New Garden Monthly Meeting of friends. Abigail Kendall and Ackseh Baldwin are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if no obstruction appear prepare and produce one to next meeting.

The extracts from our late Yearly meeting have been read in time which have been instructive and edifying.

The meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 1st Mo. 21st 1864 —

The clerk being absent Anna M Votaw is appointed for the day

The friend appointed to inform Mary Kimmel the judgment of the meeting in her case reports attended to

The friends appointed to make the needful inquiry respecting Jane Baily having a certificate produced one which was read and signed by direction

Epistles from London & Dublin Yearly Meetings were read in this which were satisfactory & instructive

The Mtg concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 2nd Mo 25th 1864

The clerk being absent Anna M Votaw is appointed for the day

Our beloved Friend Mary Elliott a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting, producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Goshen Monthly Meeting dated 23rd of 1st mo 1864 and endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting held 6th of 2nd mo 1864, x

Recorded in minute book

The 1st 2nd & 8th Queries were read in this meeting and answered in writing from which a summary was compiled and directed to the ensuing Quarterly meeting by Mary Williams Sarah Branson Martha Baldwin and Lizzie C Woodruff whom we appoint our representatives to attend therewith and report to next meeting,

x Also one for Edith Williams companion of our friend Mary Elliott from Goshen Mo Meeting dated 2 mo 22nd 1864,

The Friends appointed to inquire respecting Joseph Hubbard and family having a certificate produced one which was read and signed by direction

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 3rd Mo. 24th 1864.

One of the friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as representative report they all attended. Epistles from N. England N. York and Baltimore Y. mtgs have been read in this which were satisfactory and instructive.

The following report from the committee on education has been read. and we appoint Anna M. Votaw Margaret Hampton. Mary Commons & Mary Williams in conjunction with men friends. to bring forward to next meeting. names of suitable friends to constitute a new committee the ensueing year.

Report

We the Committee appointed on the subject of education have endeavored to give attention to the object of our appointment. There has been two schools at Chester during the past year one for six weeks the other for three months conducted to pretty good satisfaction. On behalf of the Committee

Isaac Votaw

Margaret Hampton.

Joseph E. Strattan requests a certificate for himself and family to N. Garden Mo. Meeting. Elizabeth Woodruff and Abigail Kendall are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if no obstruction appears, inform men friends and report to next mtg.

Rachel Jefferis, Sarah Ann Johnson, Mary Williams and Sarah G. Branson are appointed in conjunction with men friends to bring forward to next meeting names of suitable friends to constitute a committee to have charge of first-day Scripture schools the ensuing summer.

The meeting concludes.

Chester Monthly Meeting of women friends held 4th mo. 21st 1864

Our beloved friend Daniel Williams a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from West Grove Mo. Meeting dated 4th mo 9th/64

Our beloved friend John Jessop a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Dover Mo. Meeting dated 4th mo 20th 1864

Also John Haisley companion to John Jessop acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute

of unity from the same place, bearing the same date.

The friends appointed to bring forward names for an Education committee propose the following viz:

Israel Woodruff	Elizabeth Woodruff
Isaac Votaw	Anna M. Votaw
Jacob Hampton	Margaret Hampton
Enos P. Baldwin	Martha Baldwin
Isaac Commons jr	Hesiah Commons.

with whom the meeting unites and appoints to that service.

The friends appointed to bring forward names for a Scripture school committee the present year propose the following viz:

Jacob Hampton	Margaret Hampton
Isaac Votaw	Anna M. Votaw
Israel Woodruff	Elizabeth Woodruff
Enos P. Baldwin	Martha Baldwin
Solomon Bond	Hesiah Commons
Isaac Commons jr	Mary Williams
Stephen Williams	

with whom the meeting unites and appoints to the service.

The friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Joseph E Strattan and family having a certificate report they find nothing to hinder Men friends produced one which was read approved and signed Mtg. Concluded

Chester Mo Meeting of Women friends held 5th Mo 19th 1864

The 1st 2nd & 8th queries have been read in this meeting with written answers thereto from the preparatives from which a summary was taken and directed to the ensueing qt meeting by Sarah Ann Johnson, Rachel Jefferis Anna M. Votaw and Hesiah Commons whom we appoint as representatives to attend thereto and report to next meeting.

85 cts has been raised for the use of the Africans, and is directed in care of the representatives to the qt. meeting.

Received a certificate for David Little and Mary his wife, and their minor daughters Miriam Anna & Jane Little from White Water Mo. Meeting dated 3rd Mo 23rd 1864

Epistles from Ohio, Western, and Iowa Yearly meetings have been read in this which were instructive and satisfactory.

The meeting concluded

Chester Monthly meeting of Women friends held 6th mo. 2d 1864

The friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting as representatives report they all attended except one

Our esteemed friend Ann Marmon a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from White Water Monthly meeting, dated 4th mo 27th 1864

Also Mary Hill companion to Ann Marmon acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity from a committee appointed by White Water Mo. meeting dated 5th mo. 4th 1864

Our beloved friend Benj. Fulghum acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from White Water Mo. Meeting dated 4th mo 27th 1864

Woodbury preparative informs that Celia Boyd formerly Cox, has accomplished her marriage contrary to our discipline Rachel Baldwin & Rachel Jefferis are appointed to visit her on that account and report their care to next meeting.

Leah Wessner, Anna M. Votaw, Mary Williams & Rebecca Bunker are appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks and if way opens produce to next meeting

names of suitable friends to serve in that place.
The meeting concludes.

Chester Mo. Meeting of Women Friends held
7th Mo. 21st 1864.

Our esteemed friend Nathan Pike a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity & concurrence from New Garden Monthly meeting of friends dated 5th Mo. 21st 1864.

The friends appointed to visit Celia Boyd on account of her deviation report they have had an opportunity with her to pretty good satisfaction, and she appeared desirous to retain her right. This meeting is therefore free to continue her as a member amongst us. Hesiah Commons and Mary Williams are appointed to inform her thereof and report to next meeting.

The friends appointed to consider the propriety of a change of clerks report they have conferred together and are united in proposing Anna M. Cotaw for clerks and Martha Baldwin for assistant with whom the meeting unites and appoints them to that service and Sarah Ann Johnson is released at her request

Hesiah Commons, Sarah G. Branson & Abigail Kendall are appointed to assist the Clerks in revising and recording the minutes of this meeting and report when complied with.

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 8th Month 25th 1864

One of the Friends appointed to inform Celia Boyd the judgment of the meeting in her case reports it has been attended to

All the Queries have been read in this meeting with written answers thereto from each preparative from which a summary was selected and directed to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by Anna M Votaw Mary Tittle Guilielma Clark and Abigail Kendall whom we appoint our representatives to attend therewith and report of their care to said meeting.

The sum of 75 cts has been raised for the use of the Book and Tract Committee

A certificate for Jonathan Stubbs and Rachel his

wife with their minor children, Alvin, Enoch, Albert- Elvira E, Mary E, William D, Esther A, and Rosannah Stubbs, was received from Milford Monthly Meeting dated 3rd mo 26th 1864, Rachel Baldwin Leah Wessner and Rachel Jeffris are appointed in conjunction with men friends, to pay them a visit for their help and encouragement- and report- to next meeting -

The meeting concluded -

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 4th mo 2nd 1864

The Friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as representatives report- they all attended,

The Friends appointed to visit- Jonathan Stubbs and family on the reception of their certificate report- they have attended there to to good satisfaction,

The meeting concludes,

Chester Mo Meeting of Women Friends held 10th mo 20th 1864.

by a communication from Salem Monthly

Meeting Iowa it appears that William T Adle formerly a member of this meeting requests to be joined again in membership with friends, this and mens meeting are united in leaving it to their judgment to grant his request —

The Meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 11th mo 24th. 1864

By an extract of a minute from Whitewater preparative meeting of Ministers and elders dated 9th of 11th mo 1864, it appears that Rachel Jeffers is commended to the station of an elder, with which this and mens meeting unite, and she is appointed accordingly —

Our beloved friend David H Bennett a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Butternuts Mo meeting state of New York dated 3rd of 8th month 1864, and endorsed by Butternuts Lt meeting dated 8th mo 10th 1864 —

Rachel Baldwin Gulielma Clark Esther Strawbridge and Martha Baldwin are appointed

to attend the ensuing Y meeting as representatives and report of their care and attendance to next meeting ——

Received a circular from the Executive Committee of the Indiana Bible Association, encouraging friends to enter into a yearly subscription for the spread of the Holy Scriptures where they are needed, in consideration of which the sum of $10.00 was raised for that purpose

The meeting concludes

Chester Mo Meeting of Women Friends held 17 mo 22 1864.

One of the friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as representatives reports they all attended

Extracts from the minutes of our late yearly meeting together with Epistles from London and Dublin Y Meetings have been read in this, to our mutual comfort and satisfaction.

Hannah H Fawcett requests a certificate of her right of membership removed to Salem Mo Meeting Iowa Sarah Brandon and Margaret Hampton are appointed to make the ne-

cessary

inquiry and if no obstruction appears prepare and produce one to next meeting.

(recorded up to this)

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 1st mo 1st 1865

The Friends appointed to make the necessary inquiry respecting Hannah H Lewellings having a certificate, produced one which was read and signed by direction

Epistles from New York and Baltimore have been read which were satisfactory and edifying

The Meeting Concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 2nd mo 23rd 1865

The clerk not being present Martha Baldwin was appointed clerk for the day.

The 1st 2nd and 8th queries were read in this meeting with written answers from each of the Preparatives

from which a summery was selected and directed to the ensueing Qy meeting by Rachel Jeffries Sarah Brausson and Casandria Weeks whom we appoint our representatives to attend therewith, and report to next meeting.

The friends appointed in 7th mo last to assist the clerks in revising and recording the minutes of this meeting report the service performed.

Certificates have been received for Melissa Esther and Rachel E. Miles from Union monthly meeting of Friends dated 2nd mo 13th 1865.

A certificate has been received from Whitewater Monthly meeting of Friends, for Jeremiah Cox and Phebe his wife, bearing date 12th mo 28th 1864.

Sarah Wiesner, Rachel Baldwin and Rachel Jeffries are appointed in conjunction with a committee of men friends to visit our friend Samuel Miles and daughters on the reception of their certificates.

The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
Held 3rd mo 23rd 1865

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting as representatives not being present their report will be expected at next meeting.

One of the friends appointed to visit Samuel Miles and daughters on the reception of their certificate reports that a part of them attended to it to good satisfaction.

Our beloved friend Owen S Edgarton ~~is a[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ has acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from White Water Mo meeting of friends mo not liberating him to visit the families belonging to this
Margaret Hampton Martha Baldwin & Abigail Kendall are appointed in conjunction with men friends, to propose and bring forward to next meeting, names of suitable friends to constitute a committee on First Day Scripture Schools

The Meeting concludes

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 14th and 20th 1865

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as representatives now report - they were all in attendance except one

The joint committee appointed to bring forward names of friends to constitute a First-day School committee the present year propose the following

Joshua Jeffris	Eliza Bond
Jacob D Hampton	Anna M Votaw
Isaac Votaw	Abigail Kindall
John Addington	Margaret Hampton
Solomon Bond	Mary Little
Israel Wordsall	Keziah Commons
David Little	Sarah Branson
Isaac Commons, Jun	

With whom the meeting unites and appoints to that service

Epistles from Ohio and Western Y meeting have been read on this, which were comforting and instructive

A certificate was received for Jonathan Elliott and Maria his wife with three ~~[illegible]~~ children Mary John M Achilles W Albert D and Linus M Elliott

Sarah Wistar Anna M Votaw Rachel Jeffris and Rachel Baldwin are appointed in conjunction with such friends as they think a visit on the occasion thereof and report to next meeting —

We are now informed that our beloved friend Owen S Edgerton has accomplished the visit he had in prospect at our last two meeting

The Mt concluded

Chester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 6th mo 25th 1865 —

The 1st 2nd & 8th Queries were read in this meeting with written answers from each preparative from which a summary was selected and directed to the ensuing Quarterly meeting by Anna M Votaw Jane Hampton Rachel Baldwin and Phebe Cox whom we appoint our representatives to attend therewith and report of their care to next meeting

We also forward the sum of 75 cts for the use of the Book and Tract Committee

Our beloved friend Daniel Williams a minister in the course of a religious visit - acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from West Grove Mo Meeting dated 2nd mo 11th 1865 —

A certificate was received for Phebe Williams from Clear Creek Mo mt of Friends Ohio dated 13th of 5th mo 1865 —

Rachel Baldwin & Rachel Jeffris are appointed to pay her a visit for her help and encouragement and report to next meeting

One of the Friends appointed to visit Jonathan Elliott and family on the reception of their certificate reports they have attended thereto to good satisfaction

Epistles from Iowa and North Carolina Yearly Meetings have been read in this which were strengthening and satisfactory

The Meeting concludes

Clear Creek Mo Meeting of Women Friends held 6th mo 22nd 1865

The Friends appointed to attend the Quarterly

meeting as representatives report they all attended

The friends appointed to visit Phebe Williams on the reception of her certificate report it has been attended to

Clear Creek Preparative Meeting informs that Eliza Jane Barker (formerly Bunker) has accomplished her marriage contrary to discipline Sarah E Branson and Catharine Hunt are appointed to pay her a visit on account thereof and report to next Meeting.

Our Beloved friend John Jessup a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting, producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Deer Creek Meeting of Friends dated 6th mo 21st 1865.

Margaret Hampton Rachel Jeffris and Hezekiah Commons are appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks and if way should open, propose to next meeting names of suitable friends to serve in that place.

A certificate was received for James O Bunch and his minor child Hannah Jane from Wabash Mo

Meeting dated 5th mo 13th 1865—

Sarah Wesner Rachel Jeffris and Catharine Hunt—are appointed in conjunction with men friends to confer with a committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to propose names of suitable friends to serve as Elders and report in the 8th mo next—

The Meeting concluded.

A Select Monthly Meeting of women friends held 7th mo 20th 1865—

The friends appointed to visit Eliza Jane Barker on account of her declaration report they have attended thereto to good satisfaction, and that she appeared desirous to retain her rights and after deliberating thereon this meeting is free to continue her a member Margaret Hampton and Maria M Elliott are appointed to inform her thereof and report to next meeting

The friends appointed to consider the propriety of a change in clerks report they have conferred together and are united in proposing Sarah Ann Johnson for clerk and Catharine Hunt for assistant with whom the meeting unites and

appoints them to that service, and Anna M Votow is released at her request.

The meeting concludes

All the queries have been read in this meeting with written answers thereto from the preparatives from which a summary was taken and directed to the ensueing quarterly meeting by Rachel Baldwin Melissa Miles, Mary Little & Gulielma Clark whom we appoint as representatives to attend thereto and report their care and attendance to next meeting.

$1,35 has been raised for Y. M. Stock & directed to the quarterly meeting

The friends appointed to inform Eliza Jane Barker the judgement of the meeting in her case reports attended to.

The joint committee appointed in 6th Mo last to bring forward names of suitable friends for elders now report they are united in continueing the following named friends to that station ~~of Elder~~ viz: Michael Weesner, Leah Weesner Mary Commons & Rachel Jefferis

Rachel Jefferis. Mary Little. Rachel Baldwin
Sarah G Branson and Leah Weesner are
appointed to consider the propriety of a change
in overseers, and if way opens bring forward to next meeting names
of suitable friends to serve in that place,

The meeting concludes

Chester Mo Meeting of Women Frds held 9th M 21st 65

The Clerk not being present Maria
M. Elliott is appointed for the day.

The friends appointed to attend the
quarterly Meeting as Representatives report
they all attended except one,

One of the friends appointed to consider
the propriety of a change in overseers
report they have paid some attention
to the subject, but are not ready to
make a full report. They are continued
and to report when complied
with

A document was received and read in
this meeting from London Yearly

Meeting which was satisfactory

Maria M Elliott Leah Wessner
Sarah L Bramson Mary Little and
Rebecca Bunker are appointed with a like
committee of men friends. to have
the care and oversight of funerals

The Meeting Concludes

Chester [illegible] Meeting of [illegible]
held [illegible]

Our beloved friend Sarah B Woodard a minister
in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this
meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from
N. Garden Mo Meeting dated 9th Mo 16th 1865.

By an extract from White Water q.t. meeting
we are informed that we are now attached to New
Garden q.t. according to our request & are expected to
appoint representatives & send up reports to that
quarter in future. The meeting concludes

Chester Mo Meeting of Women Friends held
11th Mo 23rd 1865

The Clerk being absent Maria M. Elliott is appointed for the day.

Our beloved Friend Jesse B. Williams a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting, producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Springfield Monthly Meeting dated 10th mo 21st 1865.

Also Our beloved Friend Amos Bond a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting, producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Missinaway Monthly Meeting dated 10th mo 13th 1865.

Our beloved Friend George Nicholson, companion to Jesse B. Williams acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute from a committee of Springfield Monthly Meeting dated 11th mo 21st 1865

Maria M. Elliott Phebe Cox
Abigal Kendall and Sarah G. Branson

are appointed to attend the ensuing Quarterly Meeting as representatives and report of their attendance to next Meeting

This meeting opened a subscription in responce to an appeal from the executive Committee on freedmen. and the sum of $6...45 cents was paid in which was directed to be handed over to the Treasurer of that committee Then concluded.

Chester [illegible] Meeting of [illegible]
[illegible] Mo 21 [illegible]

One of the friends appt to attend the [illegible] as represent this report they all attended.

Our esteemed friend Sarah Symons a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity & concurrence from Spiceland monthly meeting dated 12th Mo 2d 1865

Our esteemed friend Mahlon Lockett a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Walnut Ridge Mo Meeting dated 9th Mo 16th 65

Our esteemed friend Miles Mendenhall a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Springfield Mo Mtg dated 8th Mo. 19th 1865.

Our esteemed friend Josephus Harris a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from N. Garden Mo Meeting of friends dated 11th Mo 16th 1865.

Our esteemed friend Elihu Coffin companion to Hahlen Hockett acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity from Walnut Ridge Mo Meeting dated 10th Mo 17th '65.

Our esteemed friend Josiah Symons an elder & companion to his wife Sarah Symons acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity from Spiceland Mo Meeting dated 12-2-65

Received a certificate for Caleb Mendenhall from Sugar Plain Mo. Meeting dated 11th Mo 22 - 1865

Chester preparative meeting informs that Selena Malvina Mendenhall requests for herself and jointly with her husband Caleb Mendenhall for their minor children viz:

William Woodford, Dennie Jay, Harriett Winona, Toda Lenora, & Viroca Iona, to be joined in membership with friends. Rachel Jefferis and Margaret Hampton are appointed to visit them on that account and report to next meeting. The meeting concludes

Chester Monthly meeting of Women friends held 1st Mo. 25th 1865.

The committee appointed to visit Caleb Mendenhall and wife on account of their request report not yet attended to. The same friends with the addition of Anna M Votaw are continued to the service and to report when ready.

The committee continued in case of overseers now report they have conferred together and are united in reappointing Abigail Kendall and propose the name of Sarah G. Branson in place of Rachel Baldwin who requests to be released for Chester and for Woodbury to reappoint Hannah Nicholson and propose the name of Mary Little in place of Mary Williams who requests to be released with whom the meeting unites & appoints to that service

An extract from the minutes of our

late ... Meeting on the state of society has been read and the good advice contained therein has been strengthening and encouraging.

The meeting concludes

Chester Mo. Meeting of Women Friends held
2nd mo. 22nd 1866.

+ The 1st, 2nd & 8th queries have been read in this meeting with written answers thereto from the preparatives from which a summary was taken and directed to the ensueing qt meeting by Sarah Ann Johnson Maria M. Elliott Mary Leitte and Rebecca Bunker whom we appoint as representitive to attend thereto and report their care and attendance to next meeting

Our esteemed friend William G Johnson a minister in the course of a religious visit acceptably attended this meeting producing a minute of unity and concurrence from Plainfield Mo. Mtg dated 11th mo 1st 1865 & endorsed by Plainfield qt mtg dated 11 mo 6th

+ Received a certificate for Martha S Kendall from Duck Creek Mo. meeting dated 1st mo 25th 1866. Anna M Votaw & Rachel Baldwin are appointed in conjunction with men friends to visit her on the reception thereof and report to next meeting

The committee continued to visit Caleb Mendenhall and wife on account of their request report they have paid them a visit to good satisfaction This and men meeting are therefore united in receiving them into membership with friends Maria M. Elliott and Gulielma Clark are appointed to inform them thereof and report to next meeting

Woodbury preparative informs that Sarah E Burg (formerly Barton has accomplished her marriage contrary to our discipline also Jane Barton has neglected the attendance of our religious meetings Rachel Baldwin Phebe Cox and Rachel Jefferis are appointed to visit them on that account and report to next meeting,

$ 1.45 has been raised for the book and tract committee and is directed to be forwarded to the qt mtg.

The meeting concl.

Chester Mo Meeting of Women friends
held 3rd Mo 22 1866

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